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Arc 7: Cosplay Convention

Chapter 128: Fitting session

When I woke up the next day, it was already afternoon.

「You woke up so late, Oniichan.

Do you want to eat some bread? I'll toast some.~」

Fa!?

Aya is going to cook!?

「N? Is something wrong with my forehead, oniichan?」

「No, I thought you might have a fever or something.」

「I'm going to toast some bread and not burn a single one!

Since I'm already 18 years old too I can at least toast some bread!」

「T-, That's right. Sorry.」

「It's fine if you understand.」

I entrusted the toasted bread to Aya and went to the restroom to wash my face.....

When I happened to pass by the kitchen, I saw several pieces of charred bread in the trash.....

The fellow who wastes food deserves death!

Together with Elena and Aya, I'm eating slightly burnt toast—

「Do you have anything to do today, oniichan?」

「Yeah.~ I need to make preparations for tomorrow's cosplay convention.」

「That's right, it's tomorrow! I forgot.」

「What are you going to prepare, Seiji-sama?」

「I need to make slight modifications on the requested hair ornaments and batons.

How are the clothes turning out?」

「Wait, I'm going to ask Yurie-senpai.」

When Aya tried to check up on Yurie-san on the phone—
She said that she'll bring them here today and we'll be having a costume fitting session,
since the costumes were already finished.

「Well then, are we going to modify the hair ornaments and batons?」

I throw a burnt toast into my mouth and chugged a cup of instant coffee.
From the inventory, the Wind, Water, Earth and Fire hair ornaments and rods were taken out.

Although there were also +1 of Water and Wind, we decided to use the common ones since it would be wasteful.

「How are you going to modify these, oniichan?」

「Well, you'll see.」

I picked up the Water rod,
whilst looking at the image of『Magical girl・C』on the laptop,
I modified its shape using【Metal control】.

「Oh, wow! Its shape changes!」

「You're amazing, Seiji-sama! Is it Earth magic?」

「Yes, it's【Metal control】magic.

Then, like this?」

「Can you adjust it a little more this way, oniichan?」

「I understand.」

I modified the hair ornament and rod with Aya and Elena's guidance.

「How's that! It'll be perfect with this!」

「Yes! It's good.」

「Amazing, Seiji-sama! It looks just like C's hair ornaments and baton!」

The hair ornaments and batons of Wind, Water, Earth and Fire had become pieces of fine craftsmanship.

When I became interested and tried to appraise the hair ornaments and

batons, suddenly—

【Hair ornaments of C +3】【Baton of C +3】

【Hair ornaments of Ran +3】【Baton of Ran +3】

【Hair ornaments of Apure +3】【Baton of Apure +3】

【Hair ornaments of Sigil +3】【Baton of Sigil +3】

「Fa!!?」

How did this happen!?

「What happened, Seiji-sama?」

「Somehow, when I appraised them,
they became +3 and their names were changed.」

「What's that!?!」

It seems they have become stronger than before, oh well.

After a while, Yurie-san and Mai-san came.

「Hello.」 「Pardon the intrusion.」

「 「Welcome!」 」

As I was preparing snacks—cookies and tea,
Yurie-san took out the costumes she made and showed it to Aya and Elena.

「It's amazing! It's like the real thing!」

「Hey, it's really perfect.」¹

「Although Yurie-sempai is usually hentai-ish, she's good with these things!」

「You didn't need to say hentai!」

Yurie-san was treated like a hentai by her kouhai.
What the heck are you usually doing?

「I'd like to try it on immediately!」

「Me too, I'd like to try it on.」

「Therefore, oniichan! Please go over there.」

「N!?!」

「Please go over there because we're going to change clothes.」

I, whilst being kicked by Aya, have been confined to my own room.
From the living room, *Kya Kya Giggles*, boisterous voices could be heard.

Lonely.....

I, in order to distract myself from the loneliness, decided to check my own status.

└─<Status>─

| Name: Maruyama Seiji

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| Level: 45

| HP: 4, 657

| MP: 8,710

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| Power: 311 Endurance: 321

| Ability: 571 Magic power: 871

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| Skills

| Information 5, Space-time 5

| Wind 5, Water 4, Earth 4

| Lightning 6, Ice 4, Darkness 3

| Body reinforcement 4

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| Body techniques 3, Staff techniques 4

| Sword techniques 5, Sword Arts 5

| Short blade techniques 4

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| Potioncraft 4

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My level rose to 45!

Well, it rose up to this point because I fought a lot of enemies.

The quality of my MP had become amazing.

With this amount, there would be 8 tracking beacon usable.

Well, the war was over so there wouldn't be anything I could make use of the 8 anymore.

Although I confirmed that I acquired level 4【Earth magic】【Metal Control】, I haven't seen the others yet.

I acquired Level 5【Wind magic】【Summon Wind Spirit】, Level 4【Body reinforcement magic】【Power reinforcement】and【Magic power recovery rate reinforcement】, respectively.

【Summon Wind Spirit】would be the wind version of【Summon Lightning spirit】.

I'll summon you next time when I have time.

Since【Power reinforcement】strengthens the『Power』stat, it's easy to understand.

However,【Magic power recovery rate reinforcement】is like a magic that recovers MP using MP.....

Isn't this a contradiction?

When I look at it in detail, it seems to be a magic which returns two-fold of the MP poured into this magic in 10 minutes.

In other words, if I poured in 6, 000 MP, it seemed to return gradually by 20 per second, 1, 200 per minute and a total of 12, 000 in 10 minutes.

It seemed to be usable as such since it doubles the MP in 10 minutes.

When I'm thinking such a thing—

「Oniichan, you may come here already.~」

I heard Aya calling me.

When I went to the living room cheerfully—

There stood the four main member of the『Magical girl・C』.

「How is it? Is it great?」

「Yeah, it's great. I thought it was the real deal.」

Aya, had a triumphant look,

Elena was a little embarrassed,

Mai-san was confirming the condition of the body when moving whilst wearing the costume,

Yurie-san was panting whilst looking at the 3 people with excited eyes.

What kind of group is this!?

「Ah, that's right, I have prepared the accessories.
I'll bring them now.」

I brought the hair ornaments and baton that I prepared.

「C-, Cool! It's like the real thing!!」

Yurie-san seemed to be considerably pleased.

「Somehow, I felt strange power from this.....」

Does Mai-san feel some kind of power?
Who on earth could this person be?

The 4 people, who equipped the hair ornaments and batons, were just perfect.

Yurie-san made Elena do this and that pose, whilst taking a picture.
Aya and Mai-san were on a rampage, trying to recreate the battle scenes from the anime.

Please don't destroy the room.....

I also tried wearing my costume,
other than Elena, no one showed too much interest.
That's alright, as long as it's Elena.

Finally, the four took a group photo and the fitting session had ended.

With so much trouble,
we convinced Mai-san and Yurie-san to stay overnight.
It had been decided that everyone would be coming together to the cosplay convention tomorrow.

Chapter 129: Temaki sushi

「Because senpais are going to especially stay overnight,
let's have some temaki sushi for dinner.」

I, according to Aya's instruction, had come to the supermaket once again.

Elena wanted to come along but was restrained by Aya just to change clothes.

The shopping for the temaki sushi—

Tuna, seared bonito, horse mackerel,
eggs, salmon roe, walleye pollack roe,
lettuce, cucumber, radish sprouts, green shiso leaves,
crab sticks, canned tuna, canned corn, plum meat tube, I wonder if these are
everything?

When I was done shopping and returned home—
the 4 people were having a DVD watching session.

「Welcome back, oniichan.~」

「Seiji-sama, welcome home.」

「「Welcome back.」」

To be welcomed by 3 + 1 bishoujos.....
I'm happy.~

But, why is Aya glaring at me?

Because the 4 people continued to watch the DVD peacefully,
I began to prepare the temaki sushi.

I finished the preparation of the ingredients,
and after the vinegar rice was stirred in the ohitsu,
I get rid of the moisture using Wind magic—

「It smells delicious, oniichan.」

Did you come here to see how things are going because you were tempted by
the smell?

After I let Aya carry the ingredients, the temaki sushi party starts.

「How do you eat this, Seiji-sama?」

「Then, observe because I'll prepare one for you.」

When I prepare Elena's temaki sushi,
the other 3 want me to prepare for them as well.

This is『hand-rolled sushi』not『rolling sushi by lending a hand¹』!!

Elena, who was unable to just watch, rolled one for me.
The sushi that Elena rolled was very delicious.

After that, everyone, rolled one for me.....

Aya's wasabi was too effective; I couldn't stop my tears. It wouldn't be on purpose, would it!?

Mai-san's had a lot of sushi rice that I almost spilled it.

Yurie-san's had only egg types, eggs, salmon roe and walleye pollack roe. Do you like eggs?

We filled our stomachs and entered the bath in turn.

The first to enter was me,
then, Mai-san and Yurie-san,
finally, Aya and Elena.

Why did Mai-san and Yurie-san, as well as Aya and Elena enter in pairs?
Excited voices in the bathroom could be heard.

Resulting in Yurie-san's blood rush to her head and nosebleed.

The room assignment when sleeping were,

Mai-san and Yurie-san in Aya's room,
Aya and Elena in my room,
while I was to sleep in the living room.

Well, it can't be helped, huh.

Thanks to the『Wasabi』served by Aya, I couldn't fall asleep easily.

Anyway, that being the case, let's check the tracking beacons.

1. Elena

Since she's sleeping, let's skip her.

2. Azide-san

Because of the war, I've had completely forgotten about him,
It seems that he is still in Shinju town.

Well, I wonder if it was because of the war or some other matters?

3. Lela

When I checked, she was just about to go to bed.....

『Seiji.....』

Eh? Lela murmured my name.

Perhaps, she noticed that I'm peeking?

Lela went to bed just like that,
she was squirming for some reason.....

『It can't be viewed in order to not violate the【Private policy】.』

A message popped out and I can no longer view it.

Eh? Is it a violation of【private policy】when sleeping?

Well, let's keep it in mind.

4. Azos

He was locked up in jail and was docile.

There seemed to be no need to keep track of this guy.

5. Nancy

She was sightseeing Egypt.

When I checked the map, it seems that she went to Egypt via Italy from Greece.

I'd like to see the pyramids as well.~

6. Me

It was the beacon I attached to myself.

Looking into the figure that looks exactly like yourself has a strange feeling.
I'll take it off later.

There should be 2 of them left unused later.

What should I use them for?

That reminds me, I should've put a beacon onto the King of the Demonkind. By doing so, I could go to the Demon town immediately.

Oh well, I could easily run at lightning speed.

If I think about it, it won't be necessary to rely on Azide-san's travels anymore.

Since I'm not yet sleepy, I tried to check on medicine-related stock. There were 10 pieces of【Stimulant potion +3】remaining, and there was no【Strength recovery potion +3】left. It would be bad if I don't stock up ingredients.

I want to become able to craft Elixir soon.

It's necessary to raise the level of potioncraft in order to craft Elixir. To increase the level of potioncraft, I have to craft curse healing potions². In order to craft curse healing potions, purple nettle and holy water are needed.....

【Light magic】is necessary in order to make holy water. Should I ask Lela, or acquire【Light magic】?

I wonder where will the purple nettle can be found?
I hope that it's in towns I haven't been before.

I became sleepy while thinking such things so I decided to quickly go to sleep.

Chapter 130: Cosplay Convention

The next morning, we woke up early and properly ate breakfast.
Costumes, accessories, wigs and etc had been prepared.
The 5 of us went to Odaiba together.

「Seiji-sama, this train feels different from the ones I rode before.」
「This is called monorail.」

「Monorail? Is it different from a train?」
「There isn't much difference, but there is no driver for this monorail.」
「Come to think of it, there is no coachman.
Is this a golem?」

「Coachman? Golem?」
Elena-kun's words are a little strange sometimes.」

Again, Mai-san tsukkomied keenly.....

「That's because the foreign country's root words are different from Japan's.~
It can't be helped if there's some strange words.」

「Well, that's right but.....
in case of Elena-kun, rather than words,
it's like.....」

I have to cover it up somehow.....

「Ah! There, I can see it!!」
「Ah, what's that building!!
Does it float using magic?」

Can it somehow be covered up?

However, all people who saw the building for the first time were astonished
without exception.

There was also a big『Saw』stuck on the ground.

We got off the monorail and went to the venue—

The people at the general admission area were forming a frightful line.

「T-, There are so many p-, people!」

「Elena-chan, let's hold hands so you won't get lost.」

「Y-, yes.」

Elena was scared.

This is not even comparable to the winter and summer festivals.

「Cosplayers, please form a line over here.」

We lined up according to the staff's instructions but,
as soon as we lined up, Aya talked about『Magical girl・C』in a loud voice.

A girl, who wears thick glasses and is lined up in front, is frequently looking in our direction.

She must have been trying to pay attention but we're noisy.

「Aya, you're bothering the people around.

Tone it down a little.」

「But the surrounding is noisy, unless someone shouts it won't be heard!」

The girl with thick glasses was once again looking our way but even more frequently.

I should apologize for the time being.

「Sorry that we're noisy.」

「N-, No.....」

Eh?

Did this girl with thick glasses come alone?

Her energy to participate in such a convention all by herself was amazing.

We have been lining up for 10 minute all told.

Finally, we were able to enter the venue.

But, a sad parting was waiting there.

「A-, Are we going to part with Seiji-sama!?!」

「E-, Elena.....」

「Obviously Elena-chan, because men and women have separate dressing rooms!」

I saw Elena off, who was forever taken away by Aya.

I have to change clothes quickly as well and not do such a silly thing.

I lonesomely finished changing clothes in the men's dressing room.
I was going to go to the venue at once but.....

Aya has yet to come.

Well, it hardly took time to get dressed since I'm going to cosplay as a mere salesclerk of game arcade.

Since I was free, I decided to look around and see the cosplay of other people.

There are also people who are wearing, how should I say it.. clothes that have a lot of exposure?

I roughly looked around while slightly bending forward.

When I was almost done looking around, I found something in the crowd.
What on earth could it be?

『What the heck is this, it's beyond perfect!』

『Isn't that girl the lolita Ran-chan of episode 6!?
Yes, lolita, no touch!』

『A-, Apure-chan, moe~!!
She's cuter than in the anime!!!』

『Sygil-chan is also perfect as well.....
Sygil-chan, who is supposed to be a cool beauty,
is panting while looking at the girls around.
Has she been brainwashed by • •【Bug monster man】?』

『C-chan is also cute but.....
she seems to be a bit bad-natured compared to the anime.』

Speaking of the『Magical girl • C』who has bad-natured personality.....
it seems to be Aya and the others.

「Excuse me. Let me through please.」

I push my way though the crowd, trying to join Aya and the others but I can't get close easily because there are so many people.
Notwithstanding, I keep on pushing my way through the crowd and somehow

advance.

Uwa, who is that? Someone touched my butt!

Whilst overcoming various troubles, I finally arrived to where Aya and the others are.

「Ah, Seiji-sama.」

「Ah, you've finally come, oniichan. You're late.」

「I came here first, I was looking around in various places.」

「Is that so? I was worried.」

When I said so,
Elena was going to embrace me.

「Elena, wait a moment.」

「What happened, Seiji-sama?」

Doing it would be bad in front of so many people to see.

『What's that guy?』

『Oh, that's, the salesclerk of the game arcade.....

What is his name again?』

『It's simple guy or something like that. He's a bit of an ossan.』

The people around us were making various talks.
Or rather, I've heard everything!

「Because we are now the characters of『Magical・C』, we must completely become them.」

「That's so, isn't it? I understand.」

I somehow managed to convince Elena and sort of avoided the worst-case scenario.

Afterwards, the four people struck a variety of poses whilst the surrounding people took pictures one after another.

Speaking of myself, I just did nothing but this or that odd jobs like a manager-san.

After a while, the surrounding people calmed down but.

That fellow suddenly appeared!

「I found you, Magical girl C!

Coming across me here is nothing but your bad luck! Be prepared!!」

Who has appeared!?

It was an unknown woman.

「Who are you?」

「Seiji-sama, that's『Magical girl・C』's rival character,『Ringo-chan』.」

There is such a character as well, huh.

「Sorry for popping in on you unannounced.」

Oh, back to normal.

「To be also wearing characters of the same work, can I join you guys?」

「Good good!

I'm Maruyama Aya. Best regards.」

「I'm called Ringo.

My real name is also『Ringo』. Nice to meet you.」

Thus, with the addition of the rival,『Ringo-chan』,
the cosplay convention continued peacefully.

But, I feel like I've seen seen this Ringo-chan somewhere before.....
where have I seen her before?

Chapter 131: Suspicious man

『Ringo-chan』and『C』stared at each other.

「Impossible, the『Magical girl of Wind』's true identity was C-chan!」
「Sorry, Ringo-chan. I kept silent until now.」

「No,
C-chan!
You will beat the『Bug monster man』without fail!」
「I understand, since I will swiftly finish it off,
please wait for me, Ringo-chan.」

『Nullpo, Nullpo.~
I will turn the whole world into null!!』

「Come out! Bug monster man Nullpo!!
I'm going to swiftly finish you off!!!」

『Bug monster man Nullpo』is a monster man that has sea anemone for a head and an ape for the body.

「『Waaa!! That's so cool!!』」

By the way, the person who was cosplaying the『Bug monster man Nullpo』
turned up,
and hurriedly performed some hero-ish ad lib.

Everyone is in high spirits and the audience seems to be pleased as well.

I.....

I was recording a video using a smartphone according to Aya's instruction.

『Thank you very much. It was fun.』
「Same here, it was fun.」

As『Bug monster man Nullpo』said so, he exchanged intense hand shake
with『Magical girl C』and eloquently went away.
But, it seemed to be difficult to talk in that cosplay.....

「Were you able to take it properly, oniichan?」

「Oh, it's perfect.」

「Please show it to me as well, Seiji-sama.」

The 5 magical girls gathered around to see the video recording.

Well, whilst the girls are engrossed in the video,
I'm going to finish another job.

Among the crowd, a lone person,
a sunglasses man wearing a perfect suit, was looking at us with his arms
crossed.

I walked towards that person.

「Hello.」

「N? What do you want?」

The man has an attitude as if saying『what are you talking about?』

「The paper bag in the side seems very heavy, doesn't it?」

「Ah, yes, it contain some of my work tools.」

I wonder what kind of work it is for a person in a suit with work tools to
intentionally come in a cosplay convention.

「Hey? There is a hole in the paper bag.~」

「N!? S-, so what?」

I drew even closer and peered inside the paper bag.

「The paper bag's content seems to be a very expensive camera.~」

「D-, Did you look inside without permission?」

「This camera~

is a very expensive stuff, it can also perform infrared photography, right?~」

「That's why I said don't peek inside!」

「Which one of us is『peeping』?」

「!?」

「What is that switch in your left hand?

It serves as the camera's remote control button, huh.~

If it's from such a low angle, you might have seen naughty stuff from those

girls.」

「S-, S-, S-, Such a thing, there's no p-, particular reason to it.
I'm b-, busy so I-, I'm leaving.」

Cold sweat began to break out on the man in the suit's forehead.

I mean, from this man,
【Vigilance】magic indicated『Caution』from a little while ago.

「Should I hold the paper bag for you?」
「N-, No thanks! Don't touch it.」

「No no, don't be reserved.」

The moment I said so and touched the paper bag!

Buzz buzz!!!

「Waa, static electricity~!!
Aaa, it has a surprisingggg, mhooo¹.」

Well, it's not static electricity but【Electric shock】.

When the man in suit snatched the paper bag from my hand,
he held the paper bag and frantically ran away.

「Oniichan, who's that man in the suit you were talking just now?
Was it oniichan's acquaintance?」

「I don't have an abnormal acquaintance who was trying to take up skirt
pictures, even more so with an infrared camera.」

「N!? Was that fellow a pervert?
Why didn't you catch him, oniichan!?」

「Because of the strong 『static electricity』 that suddenly occurred.
You don't need to worry though, the built-in HD memory card and the camera's
body,
all broke down completely.
Furthermore, if the police get involved, Elena would be in trouble.」

「Strong static electricity, huh.~
Leaving that aside, why would Elena be in trouble?」

「Has Elena undergone formal immigration process?」

「Ah, is that soo?」

After a while, it became noon—

「What's the matter, oniichan? You look troubled?」

「Listen carefully, Aya. I've made a huge mistake.」

「W-, What is it?」

「I.....

didn't bring lunch.」

「W-, whaaat!!」

At that moment, Aya's stomach rumbles with『*grooowwwll* 』.

「What have you done, oniichan!?

Buy something quickly!」

「O-, Oh.」

I left the venue and went shopping in the nearby convenience store.
Or rather, when did I become the one in charge of bringing food?

When I arrived at the convenience store, it.....
was a battlefield.

A long queue of people had been formed and when I lined up at the end of the queue, I was given a placard that read『end of the queue is over here』.

In the end, just shopping took an hour,
when I bought onigiris, sandwiches and drinks for a number of people and returned.....

Towards the middle of the 5 harmonious magical girls,
a man stepped in!

Furthermore, the girls,
raised sugary, joyfully voices,
and pleasantly smiled at the man.

Who the hell are you!!?

Chapter 132: Dangerous man

Who the hell are you!!?

When I approached and saw his face—

「Ah, Maruyama-san's oniisan, sorry to bother you.」

「Y-, You are!?

The shopping district's sweet shop's.....(Innocent-faced-kun)」

「I remembered that Elena would definitely come here,
so I brought Japanese sweets for her.」

Just like a stalker.

「Welcome back, Seiji-sama.

The Japanese sweets are so sweet.~」

The girls said sweet, sweet, Japanese sweets in sweet voices.

Aya and Elena ate heartily,
and Yurie-san and Ringo-san were worried about calories and didn't each too much.

Somehow or another, Mai-san seemed to dislike sweet things.

「Ah, errr... Elena-san,
C-, Can I take a picture of you?」

「Yes, sure.」

Innocent-faced-kun took a photo of Elena with trembling hands.

「With this, I can report it to everyone.」

N? Report?

「What are you going to report?」

「Ah, no, it's nothing.」

What can it be? Is he hiding something?

「Well then, I'm going back because we have a store around here.」
He said and left.

Umu, something's bothering me.....

Well, I guess it's fine since there's no sign that he's plotting something bad.

But, I discovered someone who was indicated with『caution』from the direction that fellow has gone to.

What!? Did innocent-faced-kun suddenly awakened ill intent whilst returning?

Or so I thought but it was different.

It was a different person.

It was a guy with hair dyed brown and nose piercing.
Is it some kind of cosplay?

That person is looking around for someone restlessly.

I have a bad feeling.

I snuck behind that person unnoticed,
and attached『Tracking beacon』to him.

That person just went to another place to look for someone.

What could that person probably be.
Somehow or another, the『expression of his eyes』was strange.

Like those who were being manipulated.~
No, it was different. It was probably be due to a『dangerous drug』.
It had a dangerous『look』kind of expression.

「Aya-chan's oniisan, is something wrong?」

When I turned around, Ringo-san was there.

「No, nothing really.」

「Leaving that aside, I heard it from Elena-chan but,
is it true that oniisan was the one who made those accessories and batons?」
「Eh, ah, that's right.」

「Amazing! How did you make those elaborate accessories?
If it's fine, could you tell me?」

Umu, troublesome.

Even if I were to say that I made them using magic, you wouldn't believe it.....

「Well, I made them using magic.」

「Waa, is that so?.....」

Ringo-san, please don't look with such scornful eyes. orz 「Sorry, it was a joke.」

「No, it's me who should apologize,
it's sort of a trade secret or something like, isn't it?」

「Y-, You could say that.」

「Still, it's regrettable.~

I wanted to try and make such accessories as well.」

「Ringo-san, are you interested in accessory making?」

「I'm attending a vocational school for design,
I want to work and design accessories in the future.」

To plan for the future, how dependable.

Aya could learn a thing or two from her.¹

「Oh, that's right. Would you like me to craft for you?」

「N? But.....」

「If Ringo-san has a design,

I can make it just like that, you know?」

「R-, Really?」

Well, it's a walk in the park with magic.

Like this,

a 30-year-old DT² exchanged email-addresses with a vocational school student—

「Aaah! Oniichan is picking up Ringo-chan!」

Aya came in between while saying those scandalous words.

「I'm not picking up girls, we just exchanged email-addresses.」

「Isn't that what picking up girls is?」

That's absurd.

Ringo-san is also laughing?.....

「If you want to contact Ringo-chan, you have to go through me, Ringo-chan's manager.」

「Since when did you become Ringo-san's manager.」

「Just now!!」

「Then Aya, let's exchange email-address.」

「Un.」

Ringo-san exchanged email-address with Aya.

Her eyes met mine during the exchange of email-address and she smiled wryly.

Aya and Ringo-san's exchanging of email-adds was over—

Exactly at that time!

「Ringo!!」

Along with a darkish voice, someone grabbed Ringo-san's arms.

「N!?!」

Before the surprised Ringo-san.....

is the nose piercing man from a little while ago,
with a dangerous look and a grin floated on his face.

「Who's this man!?!」

Although you have me, you're happily conversing with another man!

Even if you have that sort of disguise, I can recognize you immediately!」

Boyfriend-san?

But, Ringo-san crouched down on the spot and began to shiver.
It seems to be different.

The 3 people, Aya, Mai-san and I immediately,
broke apart Ringo-san and nose piercing man.
Aya brushed off the hand of the man that was holding Ringo-san's arm.

「What's your intention?」

Nose piercing man, whilst rubbing the hand that had been brushed off,
scowled at us.

「Ringo-san, do you know this guy?」

「N-, No, t-, that's not it.

T-, That person, is a stalker!」

I see, it's that kind of thing, huh.

「But, it's dangerous everyone.

That person is a black belt in karate, he's very strong.」

「A black belt in karate, huh.....

Well then, it's my turn.」

When she said so, Mai-san took a stepped forward.

「It's dangerous!

He's a dangerous person who inconsiderately uses violence even against a『small child』!」

Apparently, Ringo-san thought that Mai-san is a『small child』. Well, it's understandable.

Mai-san slowly took a karate stance,
nose piercing man, whilst grinning, took a karate stance as well.

The surrounding gallery had been gathered as well—

Somehow or another, they seemed to misunderstand it for a performance that was about to start and broke out in cheers.

The showdown of『Magical girl(Loli)』and,
『Monster man • Nose piercing man』,
was about to begin!

Translator notes and reference:

¹Took the liberty, lit. take a lesson from her.

²DT = Doutei = Male virgin/virginity

Chapter 133: Yurie-san!

The gong of『Magical girl (Loli)』and,
『Monster man • Nose-pierced man』's showdown,
had just been struck.

『Nose-pierced』was still grinning, the next instant—
he attacked with a considerably fast『Punch』aimed at『Loli magical girl』's face.

Loli magical girl casually warded off Nose-pierced's punch with her left hand.
And with a flowing-like defensive body movement, her left hand slipped into
her chest;
a backfist towards Nose-pierced's face.....

Hm, is that?

Mai-san stopped the backfist just before it hit.

You don't need to perform sundome¹ to such opponent.

Nose-pierced, who had a sundome performed on him, flew into a rage and
attacked once more.

Loli magical girl dodged all such attacks,
and each of her counterattacks stopped just before the impact.

But, notwithstanding that her appearance is a magical girl, it seems like we
are watching a karate match.

The gallery will be very angry to see a fight inappropriate to a magical girl as
well.

When I was worrying about it and looked at everyone in the gallery.....

They were overjoyed.

Why?

『Did you see it just now?

That's the reproduction of the episode 1's fighting scene!』

『Oh, I saw it as well,

But, those people are amazing to perform a live reproduction of the anime's fighting scenes!』

Somehow or another, the anime seems to have such fight.....

But, how?

There's no doubt that Mai-san knows the fighting scene since she watched『Magical girl・C』's DVD but,
why is Nose-pierced cooperate in fighting the same as in the anime?

I carefully observed the battle of the two people and found out the reason.

Mai-san is deliberately making openings, luring in the opponent to attack.

Nose-pierced is making use of the openings to attack Mai-san,
but has been dancing in Mai-san's palm in reverse.

The gallery is overjoyed and break out in applause.
Nose-pierced doesn't seem to like it and get more and more furious.
With Loli magical girl performing sundome, it rubs the man the wrong way as his karate is being played with.

Nose-pierced finally flipped out,
and took out a hidden knife.

The gallery also begun to make a commotion,
and Mai-san shows a tense expression as well.

It's bad indeed.
I cast【Slow】to Nose-pierced and【Quick】to Mai-san.

Did Mai-san guess that a spell was cast on her?
Although her body twitched a little,
she didn't take her eyes off of Nose-pierced.

Under the【Slow】, Nose-pierced tried to thrust the knife out at slow speed.

Mai-san kicks the hand that held the thrust out knife.

But, Mai-san had an expression of『Shit』.

With the kick's force, the knife slipped out of Nose-pierced's grip and flew into the wrong direction.

I quickly moved to where it would fall,
and caught the fallen knife.

「Fuuu.」

When I took a breath and returned my gaze—

The whole gallery is looking at me.

Eek! Why is everyone looking at me!?

Did they think that the knife catching is part of the performance?

But, what should I do?

I have to do some performance here.....

What kind of character I'm cosplaying again?

If it's this sort of thing, I should've watch the anime carefully.

As much as I can tell.....

It should be a character good at magic.

I made gestures of the sensation『I'm going to cast magic now~』with clumsy
hand movements and—

put the knife away in the inventory despite looking it unnatural.

It seemed to have disappeared using magic?

When I made a『I don't have anything in hand』-like gesture—

A thunderous applause arose from the gallery.

『That's the reproduction of episode 7's magic?』

『Though the hand movements were amateur-ish, how did it disappear!?!』

Although it was a vague recollection, it seemed to have been similar to the
story.

The gallery's gaze went back to Loli magical girl away from me.

It was good that I was able to cover it up somehow.

But, Nose-pierced didn't find it amusing.

His proud karate had been played with,
and his trump card of a knife had also been taken away.

Nose-pierced became desperate,

and forcibly took the ominous, pitch-black, fake sword of the unlucky net game's knight cosplayer nearby.

He tried to hurl it towards Loli magical girl.

However, the fake sword's weight had a poor balance contrary to its appearance,

Nose-pierced's hand, which held the sword, shook with *gura*, and the sword slipped out of his grasp and flew.

Since the sword flew as it shook,
let's call it shaking flying sword².

When I'm thinking such a foolish thing—

「Eek!」

I heard a scream coming from behind.

When I looked back, the shaking flying sword was flying towards Yurie-san.
Bad, as it is, it would hit Yurie-san.

I kicked the ground with Earth magic and move through the wind using Wind magic,
and barely caught the shaking flying sword which almost hit Yurie-san.

Simultaneously, a shock ran through my body.

When I tried thinking what it was, Aya had come and bumped into me.
It seemed Aya also leaped and tried to help Yurie-san.

「It's fine, I caught it.」

I told Aya who buried her face in my chest—

「I'm so glad.」

Aya looked upward with a relieved expression on her face whilst hugging me.

「Ouchhh!」

When I turned around at Yurie-san's voice,
she seemed to have had fallen on her butt in surprise and had been rubbing her painful buttocks.

「Are you okay?」

「My butt has been cracked a little.」

It will be alright if she can joke this much.

「Your butt is cracked!?

I-, It's terrible!!」

It was Elena who rushed here.

Elena didn't seem to get Yurie-san's joke,
and began to frantically stoke Yurie-san's butt.

「Iyaan, Elena-chan you ecchi!」

But, Elena didn't stop stroking Yurie-san's buttocks.

「It's no good, Elena-chan.....

Even though everyone is watching.~」

But, when the hand that was stroking for a while stopped at a certain place—

「N!?

Somehow, there's a tingling sensation on my butt!

What's this! I-, It feels good!!」

Together with Yurie-san's shrill cry, finally, the recovery magic.....seemed to
have been finished,
when Elena released her hand from Yurie-san's butt—

「Elena-chan, more.~」

Yurie-san clung to Elena, swaying her butt.

Well, Yurie-san will be fine now.

From the start, her head doesn't seem to be fine but.....

when I breathed a sigh of relief.....

a violent aura suddenly wrapped up the surroundings.

When I tried to look for what it was,

Mai-san, who had an angry expression, took an imposing stance.

Translator notes and reference:

¹Lit. means 'stopping the moment before', it's also a major concept in karate

where the techniques are stopped just prior to contact (three centimeters).

²Not sure if there's a wordplay or something here, the raw text is グラッ飛んソード (Guratton Sōdo), Gura = Shaking, Ton/Tonde = Fly but IIRC there's a グラットンソード Guratton Sōdo (Gluttony Sword) in FFXI

Chapter 134: Exploding fist

When I tried to look for what it was,
Mai-san, who had an angry expression, took an imposing stance.

「How dare you hurt Yurie!!」

It seems, she is angry with『Nose-pierced』but.....
isn't the reason why Yurie-san got hurt because she fell?
The Yurie-san in question, who had her butt stroked by Elena, is happy.

Nose-pierced was puzzled over the situation he wasn't expecting and began to grin when he saw that Mai-san got angry.

He was very much unable to stomach that he was being dealt with calmly until now.

Nose-pierced provoked Mai-san by sticking out his tongue. Are you a child!? Or, should I say, if they fight seriously under the current situation with the【Slow】and【Quick】, he might get killed by Mai-san.

Mai-san took the provocation and broke into a run towards Nose-pierced.

Dangerous, someone will die.

Bam!!

Flesh and body clashed, producing an intense sound.
Nose-pierced moved about 3 steps back and fell on his butt.

「Why did you stop me!?!」

I, who came in between them, stopped Mai-san's fist.

「No, no. Are you going to kill that fellow!?!」
「That fellow hurt Yurie!」

「Calm down, Yurie-san is fine.
It was a pratfall,
but she was happy because Elena stroked her butt.」

「B-, But.」

Although Mai-san is usually calm, why does she become so hot-headed like this about Yurie's incident?

「Yurie-san, are you already fine~?」

When I call out to Yurie-san, who is in a remote location, Yurie-san smiles and waves her hand.

「Look, Yurie-san is fine.」

「Ah, yes.」

「Did your head cool down?」

「Sorry, I lost my self-control a little.」

Yea, it seems to be fine already.

But, there was someone going to die because of that little lost of self-control?

And, if one were to speak of Nose-pierced.....

he was surprised by Mai-san's punch and couldn't stand up in fear. He was angry at himself and wildly strike the floor.

「Hey,『Monster man・Nose pierced man』. This『Magical girl Ran of the Fire』-sama will put an end to this so, take this.」

『The catchphrase has comeee!!』

Looking at the excited gallery, it was probably a line from the anime.

『Monster man・Nose-pierced man』held on his last pride and stood up. He charged towards『Magical girl Ran of the Fire』.

「Take this! Sure kill!!

【Exploding fist】!!!」

『Magical girl Ran of the Fire』, after taking a pointless refined motion, loomed toward『Monster man・Nose-pierced man』and unleashed the【Exploding fist】.

The fist was clad in fire.

It made a sundome just in front of『Monster man・Nose-pierced man』's face—The fire exploded, scattering in all direction.

Hm, is that?

How did it produce『Fire』??

Everyone, who were in the place seemed to have the same question,
The surroundings fell silent with the scene.

「『Waaaaaaaaa!!!』」

「『Unbelievableeee!!! It was just like the real『Exploding fist』!!!』」

With several seconds of delay, thunderous cheers arose from the gallery.

Nose-pierced man takes a pratfall on the spot, his bangs are a little burnt but otherwise he doesn't seem to be hurt.

「Mai-san, how did you do it?」

「N-, No, I don't know it myself.」

Umu, there seems to be nothing that caused it.

Does Mai-san possibly acquired Fire magic under the effect of the accessories I've made?

Racks brain What to do?

「Mai-san, it was dangerous just now, please don't use it anymore.」

「O-, Oh.」

When I suddenly noticed, nose-pierced man disappeared before anyone knew it.

That fellow escaped!

Oh well, he has tracking beacon on him.

When Mai-san, who defeated the『Monster man・Nose-pierced man』, safely returned to everyone,

Yurie-san embraced Mai-san and lifted her, kissing her on the cheek.

「Geez, Mai-chan got angry for me,
I'm happy~!!」

「Yurie, stop!」

That day,『Magical girl (loli) of the Fire』and『Magical girl Sigil of the Earth』's XX scene photos scattered across the internet but.....

it had been a long time before they became aware of it afterwards.....

Chapter 135: Gold and silver

Afterwards, the cosplay convention ended without any incident,
We all had come to a cake shop for celebration.

「I'm sorry!!」

A girl with thick glasses, sat up straight and bowed her head.

If I were to say who this girl is—

it's『Ringo-san』.

Indeed, the girl with thick glasses, who was lined up in the front of the venue's queue before, was Ringo-san.....

「I've caused everyone trouble,
What can I do to apologize.....」

Ringo-san seemed to feel responsible about Nose-pierced man, lowering her head many times.

「It isn't Ringo-san's fault!
It's that stalker's fault.」

Aya cheers Ringo-san up with utmost effort,
Ringo-san keeps on apologizing.

Elena and Mai-san have been trying to cheer Ringo-san up too.....

Even if the cosplay convention has ended, Yurie-san's tension hasn't gone down at all.

Because of her holding the shoulders of Elena and Mai-san, who are waiting upon from the left and right, the two people couldn't move.

I have to change the topic and the atmosphere here.....

「Come to think of it, Ringo-san said she wanted to design accessories, didn't she?」

「N!? Ringo-san wants to make accessories!?」
「I want to make accessories as well.」

Aya and Yurie-san jumped into the fray as well.

「I can only design.」

「What kind of design?」

「I've brought the sketchbook with my drawings, wanna see?」

「Take it out quickly!」

Various accessory designs were drawn on the sketchbook which Ringo-san took out.

The girls entered in the accessory talk.

Umu, I couldn't enter the conversation with such topic.....
oh well, Ringo-san seems to have been cheered up too.

I was free since I couldn't enter the girls' conversation.

That reminds me, what could be the intention of Nose-pierced man, the stalker.

Since I put tracking beacon on him, let's see how he is doing.

Nose-pierced man was inside a dirty apartment room.
And then, he picked up some kind of suspicious instrument—

What!

He begun to inject it on himself.

Ah, is it an insulin injection?
This poor youth with diabetes.~

But, oh my! It's absolutely different!!

It seems to be a dangerous drug.
In the package of the drug injection, it doesn't read insulin!!

And when I'm troubled at excessive danger—

「It has been decided, oniichan!」

Aya suddenly said.

「N? What has been decided?」
「We'll have oniichan make the accessories!」

Somehow or another, whilst I'm not looking,

it seems to have been decided that each person will choose from Ringo-san's design for me to make.

Don't decide on your own!

Aya chose a good looking brooch,
while Elena chose a pure looking hair ornament,
Mai-san chose a hair ornament with cute feeling,
Yurie-san chose a 'adult' word necklace,
and Ringo-san chose a simple looking brooch.

I took a photo of the designs with my smartphone,
Aya promised to keep in touch with Ringo-san.

Like this, the eventful cosplay convention finally ended and we returned home.

「Can you make the accessories properly, oniichan?」
「I will manage to craft them somehow or another but it's how to procure excellent raw materials.」

「I'd like mine to be platinum!」
「Aya, do you know how much platinum is?」
「I don't~ know.」

I tried to check the price of platinum on the internet but—
It's about 4k plus yen per gram.

「It's so expensive!」
「You can do it somehow or another if it's you, oniichan!」
「I can do it somehow or another!?!」

「Can't be helped, then I'll permit silver.」
「Thank you very much.」

Hm? Why do I have to say thank you?

「Seiji-sama, are the 10 Aurum silver coins not usable?」
「Although the silver coins seems usable, is it going to be fine with Delaidos Kingdom's law to damage the money?」

「There's no such law in particular.」

「Then, it's fine, huh.」

I took out a piece of 10 Aurum silver coin from the inventory and tried to observe it carefully.

「Umu, this silver coin doesn't seem to be a high-grade silver.」

「Well, it might not be very good compared to the quality of Japanese products.」

If I'm not mistaken, there are impurities mixed in with this poor-quality silver. I wonder if the impurities can be removed using magic?

I grasped the silver coin and tried it in various ways with【Earth magic】.

The result—

It was no good.

Although it could change the form but it couldn't change the quality.

Umu, is there no other way?~

Pikon!

After a long time, a lightning・ball・like-light lit up on top of my head.

If Earth magic is no good then why not use Lightning magic!?

「【Electrolysis】!」

【Electrolysis】was cast on the 10 Aurum silver coins.

Then, the silver coin of about 200g—

Decomposed into 50g of tin powder, 50g of copper powder, and 100g of pure silver powder.

There's only 50% silver.

When I harden the pure silver powder using Earth magic, a lump pure silver that shone beautifully was made.

「Uwa, it's beautiful and couldn't be compared from a little while ago.」

「It's amazing! It's just like a mirror.」

I, who got into the swing of it, tried even the 100 Aurum gold coins—

I was able to make 100g of pure gold as well.

The impurities were 50g of silver and 50g of copper.

When I checked the market price of pure gold, it had the same price as the platinum.....

With only 100g of pure gold,
it seems to be around 450, 000 yen.....

It's dangerous, beyond dangeroussssss!!

Arc 8: Egypt

Chapter 136: 4 languages

The day after the cosplay convention was held and the gold and silver were manufactured,
I was woken up by a『loud noise』.

Huh?

Did I have the alarm set up even though I'm still on paid leave?

When I took a look at my smartphone with sleepy eyes, it was still 4 o'clock in the morning.

Besides, the real nature of the sound wasn't the smartphone's alarm!

Then, what was that sound?

I finally found out when I got up,
it wasn't the smartphone's alarm,
it was the sound of【Vigilance】magic indicating『Danger』!

Who has fall into danger?

When I checked the tracking beacon, it was Nancy who had fallen into danger.

When I check Nancy's video,
she has collapsed in a back alley, motionless.
This is dangerous.

I knocked on the door of Aya and Elena's room hurriedly.

「Seiji-sama, good morning.」
「Oniichan, what is it at such time?
Hey, it's not even four o'clock yet!」

Aya and Elena got up while rubbing their sleepy eyes.

「Nancy is in danger, we need to go and help her.」

「That's terrible!
.....By the way, who's Nancy?」

That reminds me, I'm the only one who met Nancy.

「Nancy is an american girl making a trip around the world whom I've attached a tracking beacon to.」

I showed the video of the collapsed Nancy.

「It's terrible, we have to go to help.」

「Get ready to go out quickly.」

「I understand.」

「Get ready in 30 seconds.」

5 minutes later, preparations to go out has been completed,
We【teleport】on the suburbs of Egypt where Nancy has collapsed.

When we arrived at the place where Nancy had collapsed,
From the surrounding, suspicious men were approaching.

Dangerous!

I stood in the way of the men to protect Nancy.

「!？」

The men were surprised and stopped, they tried to talk.

「هل تعرف مع تلك المرأة؟」

I don't know what you are talking about.

I used【Language acquisition】.

└─<Language Acquisition>─

| 【Standard Arabic】acquisition

| Please choose the acquisition level:

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| ▪Level 1 (Consumption: 50 MP)

| You can speak by babbling.

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| ▪Level 2 (Consumption: 100 MP)

| You can speak at an everyday conversational level.

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| •Level 3 (Consumption: 200 MP)

| You can speak fluently.

| You can read simple characters.

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| •Level 4 (Consumption: 500 MP)

| You can speak fluently.

| You can read and write characters used in everyday life.

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| •Level 5 (Consumption: 1000 MP)

| You can speak with the entirety of the language.

| You can read and write all the characters.

|_____

It was standard Arabic, huh.

I used 1, 000 MP and acquired Level 5 standard Arabic.

『I'm sorry, can you repeat that?』

『What, you understand our language, huh. That being the case, this will be quick.

Are you an acquaintance of that woman?』

『Ah, that's right.』

『If so, that's good. Do you need help?』

『It's fine, thank you.』

It seems that these people have come only because they are worried about Nancy.

Sorry for doubting you.

The men walked off just like that.

「Elena, come.」

「Seiji-sama, understood, coming.」

Eh? Elena's way of talking.....

Ah, yeah, since we've left Japan, the target language of『Magic stone of temporary language acquisition』is no longer Japanese.

I talked to Elena in Delaidos Common Language.

『Please heal this person.』

『Yes, I understand.』

Elena cast recovery magic on Nancy,
I'm now relieved with this.

「I see, because it's not Japan, Elena doesn't understand much of Japanese.」

Aya talked in Japanese.

It was complicated.....

『Seiji-sama, this person probably collapsed due to dehydration.』

『I see, well then.....』

T-, This is!?

A story development where one has to make somebody drink water using
mouth-to-mouth feeding!?

『I'll make her drink water using Water magic.』

『T-, That's right, please do so.』

That's right—

After a while, Nancy regained consciousness.

「Huh? I'm sleeping in a place like this?」

Nancy talked in English.

It got more and more complicated.

「You collapsed here, Nancy. Can you remember what happened?」

「Huh? Who are you?」

Is it perhaps, amnesia!?

It was different, she just forgot because we only met once.

「That's right, you're Seiji whom I met in Japan!」

What a coincidence to meet in a place like this.」

Well, it's not a coincidence, I've come here intentionally to help.

「Nancy, what on earth happened to you?」

「More importantly, Seiji,
do you have something to eat?」

I haven't eaten anything since morning.」

I took out a PET bottle of milk tea and anpan from the inventory and gave it to Nancy.

Nancy seemed to be very thirsty and began to chug the milk tea.
Because it was a milk tea with fragrance of flower, which I made with so much effort, you could've savor it more when drinking it.

「Fuuu.」

Nancy drank half of the milk tea and heaved a sigh.
She began to stare at the milk tea with *jiro jiro*.

「What's this tea?」

「It wasn't delicious?」

「It's too delicious!

Somehow, it has a smell of flowers!」

She seemed to be pleased.

Next, Nancy took out the ampan from the bag and began to eat it.

「!?

There is something black inside this bread.」

「Because it's an anpan, it contains anko inside.」

「Ampan? What kind of bread is this?」

「You don't know what ampan is? It's a Japanese bread.」

「Anpan, huh.~」

Nancy tried to eat the anko timidly.

「Oh, sweet! What's this!?!」

「Anko is something like a jam made with beans.」

「This bean jam something is delicious!

The only Japanese food I know are sushi and tempura,
so there is something like this too, huh.」

Nancy ate the anpan in no time.

「By the way, who are the two people in the back?」

「They are Aya, my sister and Elena, a friend of mine.」

「Eee, are both of them Japanese?」

No matter how you look at it, Elena didn't look like Japanese. Though, it would be troublesome when she was asked about nationality and then she answered properly.

「That's right, both Aya and Elena are Japanese.」

「Eee, so there's also white Japanese, huh.~」

I was able to deceive her somehow, it seemed.

「By the way, Seiji. I have a favor to ask.~」

「What favor?」

「Please lend me some money!」

Chapter 137: Bad influence

「Please lend me some money!」

Nancy said to me straightforwardly.

Well, if not for her I wouldn't be able to take a trip around the world?

「Let me hear the situation first.」

「I see, I'll explain.」

According to Nancy's story—

her jacket and luggage had been stolen by a ketchup burglar¹, she ran after the criminal for so many hours but he escaped in the end. It seemed that she run out of stamina due to dehydration and collapsed.

When the ketchup burglar had Nancy, the【Vigilance】magic should've notified me.

It seemed I didn't notice because I was fast asleep at that time.

「I understand the situation, but, I also don't have anything in hand right now. It's impossible for it to be at once.」

「I see, it's already past 21:00 and the banks are closed as well.」

21:00? Ah, yeah, because of the time difference, it's morning in Japan but it's night here.

「Nancy, is there a place you can stay today?」

「There's none. Only for today, can I be put up at the hotel where you're staying.」

What to do, I haven't managed to prepare anything as a result of rushing to help Nancy.~

I don't have any local currency on me to reserve a room at a hotel too.....

Pikon!

On top of my head, a Lightning•bulb•lit up².

「Actually, we were going to sleep in a tent today.」

I took out the tent from the inventory at the position invisible to Nancy. Although I bought this tent in preparation for our activities during the Golden Week, we didn't manage to use this thing at all. (※ Chapter 86 reference) Though I should've really used it in the other world, to use it in this world.....

「Oh! A tent! Wonderful!」

An American way of being surprised.

「Nancy, is there a place around here where we can put up a tent?」
「If I'm not mistaken, there should be a vacant lot over there.」

We were guided to the vacant lot—

There were about 10 homeless children.

「Here? But, aren't there a lot of children?」
「When I saw it during the day, it was a vacant lot.....」

Because foreigners who carried a tent came over, the children were on guard.

A leader-like child showed up and spoke to us.

「What did you guys come here to do?」
This is our nesting place, don't enter without permission.」

Nancy didn't understand the language and shrugged.

「We are in trouble today because we have no place to stay.
Can we use this place only for today?」

『Oh! You know Arabic too, Seiji!?
You're amazing.』

Well, the humans and demonkind had me as their interpreter!

The children had some kind of discussion—

「We can let you use it but give us some food.」

and, he said.

Food, huh.~

If so, I have a lot of orc meat but.....

that's similar to pork, right?

Isn't Egypt Islam?

Then, orc meat is no good, huh.

There's rice but do they eat rice?

「I have rice but do you know rice?」

「Oh, rice,

I have eaten rice before.」

There seems to be rice in Egypt.

「Then, will that be fine since I'll cook it?」

「Okay, one day only. I'll let you use this place today for a rather large quantity of rice.」

Negotiation established,

I was in charge to cook the rice,

while Aya, Elena and Nancy had to put up the tent.

I took out a leisure sheet, spread it out and put a low dining table above.

I put the rice into the iron pot of the rice cooker 5 gō³,

and when the rice was being washed with a bottle of water—

the children had gathered to observed.

When I've washed the rice and throw away the water rice—

「Aa!?!」

All the children are simultaneously surprised.

「What's wrong?」

「So much water was thrown away?」

I see, water is valuable in this neighborhood.

But, a trouble occurred here.

I want to put the rice away in the inventory for it to absorb the water, but I can't use the inventory since the children are staring.

It can't be helped, it's a foreign country and they're children, let's show them a bit.

「Look carefully now because I'll perform a magic trick.~」

「Ojiisan can do magic trick?」

「It's oniisan.」

I performed magic-ish hand movements and put the washed rice into the inventory.

「「Ooooo! It disappeared!!!」」

clapclapclap

I felt strange to receive an applause from foreign children at night in this situation.

I advanced the time of the washed rice in the inventory for about 30 minutes to let it absorb water.

With magic-ish hand movements once again, I took it out from the inventory.

「「Ooooo!! It appeared!!!!」」

Clap Clap Clap Clap

I was able to deceive them somehow.

And with the【Magic stone outlet】, which I made with Magic stone of Biribiri before, I turned the switch of the rice cooker ON!

「「Ooooo!! The electricity came on!!!!」」

Clap Clap Clap Clap

They seemed to have thought that it was a magic trick somehow or another.

I, who got carried away,
took a paper cup from the inventory and handed it out to the children.
I poured water similar to mizugei⁴ using【Water magic】.

When the children were overjoyed and made a noise, Aya and Elena came over.

「What are you doing, oniichan?」

「Magic tricks.」

「Magic tricks, huh.~」

「Other than that, where's Nancy?」

「She's already asleep.」

She seems to be pretty tired.

After a while, the rice has been cooked. By dividing the labor, Elena and I've made onigiris.

It has sea chicken⁵ with mayonnaise as filling.

Aya has been playing with the children.

The onigiris were placed on a cooking sheet and were handed out to the children.

「What's this!?!」

「Although it's rice, it's tasty!」

「It has something inside!」

Everyone was eating in delicious manner but since the 5 gō was divided among 10 people, there was only about a serving of a bowl each so they wanted to eat more.

Umu, I want a bigger rice cooker.

The onigiri party was over and the night grew late as well. The children had also went to sleep.

I set a barrier up on the tent where Nancy is sleeping, and returned to Japan with Aya and Elena.

「Why did we return to Japan and leave Nancy behind, oniichan?」

「Why, Aya,

because today is weekday, you need to go to junior college.」

「N!?!」

In Japan time, it's 7:00 in the morning while in Egypt time, it's 0:00 at night.

「I-, Is this what they call jet lag?.....」

Aya was confused.

Translator notes and reference:

¹Not sure but I've read in some article before about someone conning people by squirting tomato ketchup at the victim's handbag and then snatch it while

she attempts to clean it off.

²Inazumakyū(電球) which lit. means lightning bulb where as Denkyū(電球) means light bulb, probably a wordplay

³Rice cookers come with a 1 gō (180ml) measuring cup used to indicate the serving size for one person. As a rule of thumb, one gō is equivalent to about 150 grams of Japanese short grain rice.

⁴Mizugei is a traditional Japanese water magic

⁵A brand name for canned tuna.

Chapter 138: Bad influence

Aya left for junior college,
while Elena and I took a nap until the afternoon.

We became completely energized after taking a nap and went back to Egypt
using【Teleportation】.

In Egypt, it was 7 o'clock in the morning.

The children were just about to leave the place.
When I inquired, it seems they work at the quarry nearby.

Egypt, quarry.....
Are they also building a pyramid?

「Good morning, Seiji.」

After a while, Nancy woke up.

「Good morning, Nancy.
Want some sandwich?」
「Sure, thanks.」

Elena, Nancy and I are having sandwich and tea for breakfast in Egypt time,
lunch in Japan time.

「What are you going to do after this, Nancy?」

「First, I'm going to report the ketchup burglar from yesterday to the police,
after that, I'm going to take a long-distance bus to Cairo.
I have to go to the U.S Embassy and file a reissuance of my passport.」

「I see, then, we'll accompany you to Cairo.」
「Thank you, Seiji.」

What!
Nancy gave me a hug.

Wait a minute, Nancy.
For a 30-year old cherry boy, the stimulation is too strong!

When I unintentionally looked at Elena, she had become sullen and her

cheeks puffed out.C-, Cute.

Nancy noticed it as well,
and also hug Elena.

Suddenly being by Nancy, Elena is surprised and puzzled.
This-, this is, cute.

Nancy is truly an American.

We went to the local police station together with Nancy.
It was to report about yesterday's ketchup burglar.

「Well then, see you later Seiji.」
「Then, let's meet at this place in 2 hours.」

Nancy waved her hand and walked into the police station.

When Nancy was out of sight, Elena started a conversation suddenly.

「Seiji-sama, why did that lady suddenly hug me?」
「That's because, a hug is a greeting in Nancy's country.」

「That was a greeting!？」
「Oh, different countries also have different cultures.」

Elena was lost in thought for some reason,
with a look that she suddenly decided something—

「S-, Seiji-sama!」
「What is it?」

Elena suddenly hugged me!!

「Elena!? What happened all of a sudden?」
「Ah, it's a greeting!」

Indeed, because of Nancy,
Elena learned something strange!

I'll treat you to sushi next time.

Just like that, Elena and I went to a back alley with nobody around.

We teleported from the back alley straight to『Italy』.
It was to sell the chunk of pure gold that had been made using magic.

You might ask, why Italy?

In Egypt, the local currency has become no better than a piece of paper, foreign currency such as US Dollar, Euros, Japanese Yen and the like can be used as they are.

Japanese yen can be used as well but I want to especially acquire foreign currency.

Since I can't go to the United States yet, the strategy is to sell the pure gold in Italy, which Nancy stopped by at, in order to obtain Euros.

「Here?」

「This is a different country once again, it's called『Italy』.」

I acquired Italian using【Language Acquisition】, and looked for a shop that buys gold.

I changed the shape of the gold chunk using【Earth magic】into a cross-shaped necklace.

It can be bought easier this way.

I found a shop, which seemed somewhat shady, and it was easily bought for 3, 000 €.

It felt like I lost a bit in haggling but oh well.

We got hold of the money and tried to eat Gelato in Piazza di Spagna—

Food and drinks seemed prohibited in Piazza di Spagna, so we deliciously ate near the Gelato shop whilst looking at the piazza.

I tried to sneak a peek at Nancy through the tracking beacon, since it would probably take some time, we temporarily returned to Japan.

「Welcome home, oniichan.」

Aya had returned from the junior college but she looked very sleepy, well, unlike Elena and me, she didn't take a nap.

「What do you want to do if we teleport to Egypt again, Aya? Are you going to come with us?」

「I'm sleepy so I'll pass for now.~」

As Aya said so, she went back to her room and slept.

After a while we arrived in Egypt, Nancy came out of the police station.

「How was it?」

「For the time being, they were notified but.

I think the luggage would be hard to recover.

Were you able to prepare money?」

「We were able to prepare though it was Euros.」

「Great, if it's Euros, it can also be used in our destination.

So, how much can you lend?」

「Is around 1, 000 Euros enough?」

「It's enough, you're such a big help.

Thank you, Seiji!」

Upon receiving the money, Nancy kissed me on the cheek.

That attack was an overkill to a DT!!

Elena is Elena, puffing her cheeks again at the sight.

Won't it influence Elena in a strange way?

It might cause her to use kiss as a greeting!

Let's treat Nancy to an even higher quality sushi next time.

The 3 of us came to the building of a bus company.

It seems that the long-distance bus to Cairo will depart from this place.

We bought tickets to Cairo and boarded the long-distance bus.

「Is this a bus? It's almost as big as a train.」

「Has Elena never ridden a bus before?」

「Yes, this is the first time.」

The bus with the very excited Elena on board departed to Cairo about 30 minutes behind schedule.

When we came out of the town area, the desert spread as far as the eye could see.

As expected of Egypt, the scale was different.

「So there's also a place like this in this world, huh, Seiji-sama.」

「Yea, this is also my first seeing this.」

「Oh, there's a strange creature!」

When I look to see what it was, it was camel.

「It's called camel, it's a creature which substitutes the horse when travelling in the desert.」

「So it's a horse that can travel through the desert, huh. It's amazing!

Do monsters not appear here?」

「Indeed, monsters do not appear here.」

I answered laughingly—

It would be impossible to come across such terrible fellows on Earth.
We, during this time, had no way of knowing.....

Chapter 139: Hero

The bus went straight ahead through the desert towards Cairo.

「Hey, are you Chinese?」

4 sexy black onesans, who were sitting at the seats nearby, talked in english. However, these people somewhat resembled the four of the magician unit.

「No, I'm Japanese.」

「Japanese! I love Japanese!
Japanese are very cute!」

「Hey, are you here for sightseeing?
Why don't you go together with us?」

What are these people? As soon as they found out that I'm Japanese, they began to approached, pulling me hard.
Bad, without a doubt, this must be the DT hunting.

When I turned to Nancy, seeking help—
Nancy is pretending to be asleep.

If one look closely, her shoulders are shaking a little as she holds her laughter.
Nancy, you bastard.

Thus, the merciless, brutal sex appeal attack of the DT hunting group continued.

It was at that moment when I thought I can't do it anymore.

Elena boldly stood in the way of the DT hunting group.
However, when she received the glare attack of the DT hunting group,
Elena hid behind me and began to shiver.

But, upon seeing such appearance of Elena, the DT hunting group seemed to have calmed down suddenly.

「So you're together with your cute girlfriend, sorry.」

As the DT hunting group said so, they went back to their seats and waved bye-bye.

「Thanks for the help, Elena.」

When I pat Elena's head with feeling of gratitude, Elena bloomed with a smile.

「Why are you pretending to be asleep, Nancy!?!」

「I've been exposed, huh.」

「It's not『I've been exposed, huh』!

Your shoulders were trembling with *puru puru*.」

「Well, Seiji's reaction to the boyfriend and girlfriend was amusing.」

What『Boyfriend and girlfriend』, good grief!

If you like to pretend to be asleep that much then just sleep directly!

The moment when I thought about such a thing!

Kiiiiiiiiiiii!!!

The bus hit the brakes and made a sudden stop.

All the passengers lost their balance in that instant.

Nancy bumped her head hard,
and fainted.

What the heck is it!?

「Please take care of Nancy, Elena.」

「Yes!」

When I left Nancy to Elena and went to see the front—

In the way of the bus, a pickup truck was blocking the road.
Probably, it suddenly appeared from the side.

An accident?

But, this place is not an intersection.

What's going on?

When I observed the situation,
figures of masked men with firearms came out from the pickup truck.

The guys who hid from both sides appeared one after another,
and the bus has been surrounded by a total of about 20 masked men.

「We are oo!

This bus is now under our control.
The men will become hostages for ransom.
While the women will be sold off as slaves.
Those who are intending to resist will be killed!!」

Uwa! It's the rumored terrorist group!
This is worse than a monster.

The bus' passengers are terrified.
What should I do now?

It's either kill them or escape.....

When I thought of the DT hunters from a little while ago, I have a considerable uneasy conscience.
Having said that, it will be impossible to escape with everyone.

There's no other way but to kill them, huh.....

This is totally like hero of justice.

Pikon!

I've came up with a good idea!

「Please protect Nancy for a moment, Elena.」
「Yes!」

I hid in the bus' chair's shadow and after ▪ ▪ preparing,
moved on top of the pickup truck using【Teleportation】.

「All of you! This is as far as you may go!!」
「Who's that guy!」

The masked men turned towards me all at once.

「I am indeed the『Japanese ninja man』!
I will not allow evil deeds!!」

Uwaaaa!
I did it and had become embarrassed with myself.

「Where did you come from!?
Never mind, get him!」

Eh? It unexpectedly didn't go well?

In the next moment, bullets were fired onto my stomach area like rain.

I'm already in another location using【Teleportation】though.

「Shit! He disappeared!」

「I'm here!」

「Uwa!」

I appeared exactly in the middle of those guys.

「Do it! Get him!」

Huh? Wa-it.....

When the intense sound of the shoot-out ceased,
there were.....

fallen and wounded.....

10 masked men.

Don't kill your own selves, you fools!

「You bastard!!」

The 10 masked men became furious,
they let go of their guns and attacked with a knife.

『Japanese Ninja Man (LOL)』intercept the 10 masked men.

You won't be able to defeat the opponent, whom the guns didn't work on. jk.

With knife hand strike and punch that I held back to the limit and due to the electric shock I threw at the moment of impact,
the 10 masked men collapsed simultaneously.

「Wa~~~!!」

Clap clap clap clap

Applause and cheers rose from the bus' passengers who were watching.

I took the weapons of the masked men away into the inventory.
Then, I picked up a stone laying quietly on the ground,

and using【Electrolysis】, I changed the stone into a fine powder.
Smoke rose up in an explosion as I scattered the powder using 【Wind magic】.

Then, under the cover of the smoke,
I quickly changed clothes as I hid at the back of the pickup track.
And then, I returned inside the bus using【Teleportation】.

Alright!
It seems all the passengers had their attention at the front,
so they didn't notice me.

I approached the passengers gathered in front of the bus as if nothing had happened.

「What the heck happened?」

I-, I feigned ignorance and tried to ask.

「You didn't see?
He's called『Japanese Ninja Man』!
You can't see him because of the rising smoke but he's over there.」
「Is that so!?
I wonder what kind of person is he.」

It's a splendid performance if I do say so myself,
they wouldn't be able to connect it with me.

When the smoke settled after a while,
there was nobody there.

「「H-, He disappeared!!」」

Whilst the passengers were confused, I turned towards the driver, 「Let's get away from here before it's too late.」

and made a suggestion.

「Y-, Yeah.」

The driver had the bus to depart and left the place.

Chapter 140: Suite

The long-distance bus that escaped from bus hijacking arrived at Cairo.

When the bus arrived, the passengers got off and scattered in all directions like baby spiders.

What about the police interview?

Well, it would be trouble if we were to be interviewed.

Did the passengers not want to get into trouble too and escaped?

Whilst the driver was contacting someone, we left the bus hurriedly as well.

Nancy regained her consciousness just before we arrived at Cairo but she didn't know about the bus hijacking since she fainted.

Well, let's leave it alone since I'll only be troubled if she inquired persistently.

We had come in front of the US Embassy.

「I managed to get here somehow or another. Thank you, Seiji.」

「Well then, we're just going to be around here.

Be careful from now on.」

When I said so and tried to leave,

「Wait!」

「N? Is something wrong?」

「Well, uhm,

that's right, let's eat together. I'll treat you to dinner as thanks.」

「Ah, I don't mind. Where are we going to meet?

How long will the legal process take at the embassy?」

「Well, I honestly don't know.

Tell me your email so I'll contact you when it is over.」

Email!

Email, huh. It's worrying~

Why am I worrying like this, you ask?

Although I have my smartphone, it can't be used in Egypt.

Why? Because it didn't go through the procedures for overseas use.
I'm supposed to be in Japan,
however, if I use it willfully without going through the procedure for overseas use, the smartphone will be mistaken as stolen.
Credit cards and the like aren't usable for the same reason as well.

Since it can't be helped, I gave Nancy the address of my free mail.

「Why is it free mail?」

「My smartphone is broken.....」

「Well, Okay.

Then, I'll email you when the procedure is done.」

Nancy said so and went inside the embassy.

After seeing Nancy off, we returned to Japan.

It was 1:00 at night in Japan.

「Well, though it's such a time, I'm not that sleepy since I've taken a nap.」
「Me too.」

Alone with Elena in the middle of the night.....

I tinkered with a certain thing in front of Elena.

「It's 'gunyu gunyu'-ing, is it soft?」
「It's not such a thing, would you like to try and touch it?」

Elena tried to touch it fearfully.

「Oh, it's very hard.」

Elena grabbed it with both hands affectionately. She stared at it fascinatingly and kissed it.

「What are you doing, Elena!?
It's dirty.」
「One of Seiji-sama's thing can't possibly be dirty.」

Well, I think it's alright since I've decomposed it once.....

Right! I,
was decomposing silver coins, turning them into silver accessories.

Good grief, there's no need to kiss it just because you like Ringo-san's accessory design.

「Seiji-sama, can I try to put this on?」
「I'm afraid to say but it's not yet finished, Elena.」

「N!? Is that so?」
「Here, look carefully,
there's no metal pin for holding the hair, right?」

「How are you going to make the metal pins?」
「I don't know either, let's try ask Ringo-san next time.」

Like this, the requested accessories of the 5 people were made without metal pins to kill time.

When we teleported to Egypt in response to the summons of the email, Nancy was waiting in front of the US Embassy.

「Sorry to have kept you waiting.」
「Yo! I was waiting.」

「Then, where are you going to treat us?」
「Look forward to it.」

Led by Nancy, we walked through the night of Cairo.

We were guided by Nancy to a seemingly very high class hotel.

「Is it here, Nancy?」

When I inquired cautiously,

「The people in the embassy showed consideration for my situation and made a reservation here.」

「I-, I see.」

We were shown to a room.....

「Nancy, wait.
What's this room?」
「Iyaa, it's a luxury room.」

Iyaa, this is not in the level of luxury anymore.

This is probably at the top floor.
As it is now, it feels like it has a layout of a large house than a room,
it can hold parties in the living room, there are also 3 bedrooms,
and the view from the window is great as well, you can get a bird's-eye view of
Cairo's cityscape.

「Seiji-sama, I can see some big buildings in the distance.」
When I looked at where Elena was pointing—
an illuminated pyramid can be seen in the distance.
「P-, Pyramid!」
「It's really a wonderful view, right?」

Nancy also came to my side and enjoyed the view.
When we were enjoying the view for a while—
the doorbell rang and the dinner has been carried inside.

Various dished lined up,
During dinner, we smacked our lips whilst looking at the pyramid.

Because Nancy and I were having wine,
Elena was looking at us enviously.

「Would you like to drink too, Elena?」
Nancy got drunk and jokingly offered a wine to Elena.
Elena didn't understand what Nancy had said in English, she thought it was juice
and drunk the wine.

「Ah! What are you doing!?!」
「S-, Sorry, I was just joking.」
「Elena, are you alright?」

「S-, Seiji-sama, this juice ins delicisou.」

Elena was smiling cheekily with a bright red face and drowsy eyes.

This is dangerous!

Particularly, it's more dangerous to my reasoning power.

I nursed Elena, who had become a little strange, with utmost effort.

It was Nancy who attacked this time.

「Why can't I drink my wine!?!」

「Wait, Nancy. You've drink too much.」

When I keep Nancy company—

「Seiji-sama, a drink for me too pwease.」

Elena strikes from the opposite side as well.

How did this happen!?

The two people had me serve wine to drink alternately.

The night of the sumptuous feast grew late.....

Chapter 141: Pyramid

Together with Elena and Nancy, we drunk the night away with wine in a luxury hotel in Egypt and that night I had a strange dream.

When I was sleeping in a very large luxurious bed, Nancy and Elena came inside the room—

The two people were fighting over something. But, the two people weren't able to communicate with words but with gestures.

The two people somehow managed to achieved mutual understanding through gestures and reconciled. They changed into a charming negligee and went up to my bed.

Nancy approached to my left while Elena to my right, and the two gave the sleeping me a kiss on the cheeks from both sides.

The screw-up me, who was a DT for as long as 30 years, had no choice but to keep pretending to be asleep.

When I kept pretending to be asleep, the two were exasperated and entered from both sides of my bed.

I was sandwiched between the two people on the bed and became a『Blond hair beautiful women sandwich』's stuffing.

Squeeze squeeze I've begun to be pressurized by something soft from both sides.

My pyramid started to become gigantic due to the pressure of two, totaled four, soft things from each side.

And then, I woke up.

「What? It's a dream, huh.....」

When I woke up and looked carefully, there were traces that somebody was sleeping on both of my sides.....

No way.

When I got out of the bed and went into the living room,
Elena and Nancy were getting ready to go out.

「Eh? Why are you getting ready to go out?」
「You're slow, Seiji!
Get ready because we are going to the tour of the pyramid.」

「Pyramid? This early in the morning?」

It's 7 o'clock in the morning right now. I'm still sleepy.
I'd also like to see the continuation of the dream from a little while ago.

「Because the number of the admission ticket is limited, we will not be able to
buy if we don't go from morning.」
「I see.」

The reminds me, when we were drinking yesterday, I promised that we would
see the pyramid together.

Elena got ready to go out without knowing the reason.

When we arrived at the admission ticket counter, a large number of people
have already lined up.
Seriously!?

I somehow managed to buy a ticket for three and decided to directly head
towards the pyramid.

「S-, So huge!」

Elena looked up absentmindedly with her mouth agape.

「What on earth is this, Seiji-sama?」
「It's a historic ruins built in the olden days but,
for now, is the doctrine called tomb of kings plausible?」

「Tomb of kings, huh.....
Were they kings of giant-kin?」

I laughed unconsciously.

「How terrible for you to laugh, Seiji-sama!」

Elena began to hit me repeatedly.

When I patted Elena's head in return, she puffed out her cheeks and sulked.

Somehow, such appearance of Elena is cute too.

The fight has ended and Elena has also been able to considerably calm her mind.

「What were you talked about with Elena, Seiji?」

Since Elena and I were talking in Arabic, Nancy didn't understand.

When I translate the conversation up to a little while ago—

Nancy held her stomach and burst into laughter.

Elena seemed to noticed that the conversation from a little while ago was exposed,

I've been hit repeatedly once more.

We arrived at the entrance of the pyramid whilst I was being hit by Elena.

「Are we going to enter from here, Seiji-sama?」

「Oh, that's right but are you scared, Elena?」

「Uhm, will a monster not appear?」

「There's no monster inside the pyramid.」

Umu, this line of Elena,
feels somewhat like a flag.....

When we entered the pyramid timidly—

A『Danger』sign was indicated on the map.....

Seriously!!?

「There is something, Elena!」

「N? Is it a monster!?!」

「I don't know since it is in a remote location but it's still alright.
Please be careful.」

「Yes!」

When Elena and I advanced cautiously,

「Seiji, Elena, what are you being afraid of?」

I'm not afraid!

Nancy was amazed.

「Be careful Nancy, there seem to be something dangerous.」

「Something dangerous!? Will a ghost or something appear?」

Nancy wasn't convinced at all.

It can't be helped, we had no choice but to move forward in this place, huh.

But, what on earth could it be?

When we advanced through the mysterious passage, we arrived among the kings.

When we were fascinated by the mysterious sight—

I discovered someone, whom indicated with『Danger』, was approaching.

Moreover, it's not from the passage we came from.

Then, from where?

「Above!!」

When I shouted, Elena looked upwards as well.

Nancy was attracted by the Elena and me, who was looking upward, and looked up too.

Flap flap

It was a bat.

「What! Don't be scared, it's just a bat.」

Nancy said so, showing an shocked look, but I didn't lower my guard yet.

The bat gives off『Danger』.

What kind of thing is it?

It looks like an ordinary bat at first glance.

Then why is it giving off『Danger』?

When I look carefully, the bat is flying in a strange way.

I tried to use【Appraisal】and—

It's an ordinary bat but,

The status'『Condition』have showed that it has a certain hemorrhagic fever.
That's why it gives off『Danger』!

「Elena, that bat has developed a disease. It's dangerous, stay away!」
「Yes, Seiji-sama.」

「Hey, Seiji. It's just a bat.

Why are you so cautious?」

「The way it fly is strange, there's a high possibility that it developed some kind of disease. Be careful.」

「I-, Is that so?」

Watching it whilst being cautious for a while,
the bat is going to enter into the hole-like vent around the ceiling.

Because it seems dangerous to leave it unattended,
I put a tracking beacon on the bat.

Chapter 142: I forgot

Inside the King's room of the pyramid, I put a tracking beacon on the bat, however, the bat went into the vent, disappearing from sight.

When I check the beacon's video, it is advancing through the vent slowly and unsteadily.

「Seiji, what are you doing standing there absentmindedly?」

Nancy called out to me anxiously.

「Ah, no, because the bat from a little while ago went into the hole, I think it's fine now.~」

「Though it was the long-awaited pyramid, you were still worrying about such a thing?」

「But.」

「That reminds me, I've heard a『proverb』like this in Japan.」

「N? What『proverb』?」

「The bat or me, which is important?」

It's not a proverb!

Well, there's no use in saying it.

「Isn't it decided that Nancy is more important?」

Then I patted Nancy's head.

「If that's the case then good.」

Nancy bloomed into a smile and hit my back.

It hurts, Nancy.

I'm completely no match for Nancy.

Then, I confirmed on the map that the bat didn't move after that. The 3 of us had plenty of fun and were satisfied with the pyramid tour.

「The pyramid was fun. It was like a dungeon.」

「Have you been in a dungeon, Elena.」

「No, I haven't.」

Come to think of it, there is a dungeon called『Tower of sunrise』in Ikebu town, let's try to go next time.

We put off the pyramid tour and have a lunch at a cozy restaurant.

「Iyaa, although travelling alone is fine, it's also fun to go sightseeing with friends like this.」

「Is Nancy travelling alone all the time?

Amazing.~ I can't do that at all.」

「Well, I was also quite nervous in the beginning, I just started travelling when I met Seiji in Japan,
and I was really saved by Seiji who treated me kindly.」

「Is that so, I'm glad to be of help that time.」

「And then, I've been helped by Seiji again, this time in Egypt.....
How should I say it, um..... it's fate.....」

「Fate?」

「Ah, it's not it after all.」

「What is it, don't stop talking halfway, I'm interested.」

「Ah, um.....

Ah! That reminds me!

Wasn't your sister together with you when you first helped me?

What happened to that girl?」

Sister??

.....

「.....I-, I forgot (Sweating profusely)」

「Y-, You forgot!!?

Did you perhaps leave her behind in the first town!!?」

「That's not it, that's not it! She's just gone off on her own.」

「What, I was frightened.」

Since it's now 12:00 at noon in Egypt,

it's 19:00 in Japan.

Aya had returned from Junior College,
all alone.....

Well, there was never a time when Aya cried from being lonely (LOL)
but it seemed she will be very angry when we return.....

Should I cover my stomach with an iron plate?

「Sorry, Nancy.
We have to go to where Aya is.」
「I see.....
it's lonely but it can't be helped.」

「If you get into trouble again, contact me,
I'll fly immediately.」
「Haha, it really seems that you can fly everywhere if you say so, Seiji.」
「Ou, of course!」

「When my tour is over, I'll go to Japan once again,
ah, but, if Seiji were to come to the United States, contact me and I'll welcome
you as much as I can.」
「Oh, I understand.」

When I hold out a hand in order to shake hands,
Without taking my hand, Nancy.....

suddenly came and gave me a hug.
and a kiss on the cheek.
I've felt something soft.

My sense had almost run out of control for an instant,
but thanks to Elena, who had her cheeks puffed out, poking my side, I somehow
regained my sense.

Nancy had separated from me,
and attacked Elena this time,
giving her a hug and a kiss on the cheek too.

Elena also became stiff like me.

「See yah, bye bye.」

Nancy said so and left with a positive state of mind whilst waving her hand.

We were dumbfounded for a while.

Pulling ourselves together, we returned to Japan.

「We're home.~」

When I said so while taking my shoes off at the door,
Aya attacked with a terrible momentum from the living room.

「Oni.i.chan.~!!」

Aya's voice was trembling with anger? She was running while shouting.
I quickly grabbed my chance,
from 0 distance, I braced my stomach for a head-butt blow.

「Guho!!」

As expected, it's good, that I put, an iron plate, in advance.....

The air in my lungs was instantly forced out,
I lost consciousness.....

When I came to, I was laying on the sofa in the living room and had Elena
casting recovery magic.

「Ah, Seiji-sama, you're awake.」

Aya stood imposingly a bit further away from me,
full of anger? She glared at me with bright red eyes.

「You're terrible, oniichan!
Without any message, you didn't return home.
I'm not..... lonely,
what the heck did you do, leaving out in the cold!」

「Um.....」

What will happen afterwards seem to be scary if I don't speak honestly here.

「We took Nancy to Cairo,

but we were attacked by bus hijacking en route.」

「Bus hijacking!?!」

「It's fine since I knocked them down.」

「Well, it's fine since it's oniichan.」

「After that, when we arrived in Cairo, we temporarily returned to Japan and because it was 1 o'clock in the evening in Japan, you were sleeping so I didn't wake you up, Aya.」

「Well, it can't be helped if it's 1 o'clock.」

「And then we were invited by Nancy to eat dinner in a luxurious hotel.」

「D-, Dinner!?!」

「She offered us a high class wine, we got drunk in a gulp and when I woke up, it was morning.」

「.....」

「After that, we went to tour the pyramid.」

「P-, Pyramid!!!?!」

「And returned home.」

「.....」

「What is it, Aya?」

「Die a 100 timessss!!」

Aya's anger seemed to reach ecstasy somehow or another,
I took Aya's various attacks and—

once again lost consciousness.

Chapter 143: Pitch black room

「Oniichan!

Take me to the pyramid too!!」

Aya has forced a request to me, who is still laying on the sofa with Elena casting recovery magic.

I've heard a threat that if I don't listen to what she says, she'll beat the shit out of me again.

「It's terrible since we have to line up early in the morning for the pyramid's admission ticket, right?」

「Such oniichan standing in line.」

「It's no good since the people has to line up.」

「That kind of thing.~」

「Furthermore, it was dangerous because there was a dangerous bat in the pyramid.」

「Dangerous bat? What's that?」

「There was a bat infected with a virus of a certain hemorrhagic fever.」

「You should've killed that sort of thing.

How many were there?」

「How many? No, it's only 1.」

「1?Isn't that strange?」

「Why?」

「Where did that bat catch the virus from?」

「Come to think of it, that's right,
for the time being, would you like to watch the video?」

「Un.」

I projected the video of the tracking beacon attached to the bat.....

「Oniichan, it's pitch black.」

「Umu, it seems to be in a considerably dark place. What to do.」

Pikon!

The reminds me, I have a magic called【Night vision】of Darkness magic.
Can't the【Night vision】make a correction to the video of the tracking beacon?

「【Night vision】!」

As I use the magic, the video of the tracking beacon also started to look like a night-vision scope.

「Ah, it became visible!

What did you do oniichan?」

「It's Darkness magic.」

「Darkness magic, huh. Good.~」

The projected video seemed to be inside a room somewhere.

「Oniichan, could this place possibly be.....

a room which hasn't been discovered yet?」

「It may be so.」

The room seemed to have similar feeling to the king's room.
there was a stone coffin similar to the king's room,
and the coffin's lid remained tightly closed.

「That coffin is closed oniichan.

Doesn't it contain treasure inside?」

「It's a mummy for sure.」

「Hiii!」

Elena was scared and clung to me.

There there, I patted her head.

「Let's lift the lid open, oniichan. I want to see the mummy.」

「It's no good, Aya!」

「Elena is right,

since it's a historic object, we mustn't open it out of curiosity.」

「Saying such a thing, are you scared, oniichan?」

「Ko ko ko, I'm not scared.」

When we were having such talk, there was a movement in the video.

Thud

The bat which hung from the ceiling fell to the floor.

「「「Ah!」」」

Then, the bat in the video,
died quietly whilst being watch by us.

『Since the tracking target died, the tracking beacon will be removed.』

When I heard such an announcement,
the video disappeared.

Did it become like this because it died when being watched!?

「Oniichan, the video has disappeared,
what happened?」

「The bat seems to have died.」

「It died!?!」

Did Elena want to heal the bat?
Such a gentle lady.

「Nee, oniichan.
Is it possible to re-watch the video we were watching a little while ago?」
「Yes, it's possible. Is something wrong?」

「Un, I might be mistaken but.....
I have a hunch that a strange thing was displayed.....」
「Strange thing?
Oh well, let's watch it again and see.」

When I projected the video recording of when the bat fell, 「Hold it,
oniichan!」

Aya said so and I paused the video.....

Towards the depths of the room, something is visible.....

「Something is displayed (on the screen). What is it?」

When I look carefully, it was.....
it was a human face!

「A-, A person!!!
Seiji-sama!!」

Elena shivers.

But, why is there a person at such place?

「Oniichan, try playing it once again.」

「O-, Ou.」

When I played the video several times as Aya said—

「There, hold it, oniichan.」

「Ah, that's right, doesn't the color look a little like gold?」

「In other words, this is.....」

「「A golden mask!」」

Aya and my voice were in harmony.

Is the golden mask a decoration on the wall?

It's usually placed inside the coffin, but,
why is it decorated on the wall?

「Let's go over there and take it, oniichan.」

「It's still no good.」

「Is oniichan not interested?」

「Interested but.....」

Aya is looking at me with her eyes shining,
while Elena is looking at me anxiously.

「Well, let's just check it out, okay?」

「Go for it, oniichan!」

「It's dangerous, Seiji-sama!」

Elena is worried about the disease.~

「It's fine since a monster will not appear.
I'll be back quickly.」

I put on my shoes at the door,
and while being seen off by Aya and Elena,

I used【Teleportation】to the mysterious room of the pyramid.

Chapter 144: Curse of the pyramid

When I arrived at the mysterious room of the pyramid,
it was pitch black.

「【Night vision】!」

When I used the magic, the surroundings became visible in the same way as a
while ago.

But, there's a terrible smell in this room.
It's a little hard to breathe as there's an ammonia-like smell of something
rotting.

And then, the floor.
If you examined whether it was soil, there were a large number of corpses that
looked like bats piled up.

When I looked around slowly, on the wall in the depths of the room—
there was it.

That's right, it's the【Golden mask】as expected.

But, it feels slightly different from the golden mask of Tutankhamun.
It's a little plain and seems to have an angry facial expression.

It's probably used for『Threat』.

When I approached it whilst stepping on a large number of piled up things,
I noticed something strange.

The large number of piled up things decrease as I approach the mask,
the piled up things, that is to say the bat corpses don't piled up around the
mask at all.

There's something here.

I tried to use【Appraisal】on the mask.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Golden mask of curse】

| Mask made of gold.

| Put the person, who approaches, under various abnormal conditions.

| The closer one approaches,

| the more powerful the abnormal conditions are.

| Rarity: ★★★★★

| _____

Dangerous! It's too dangerous!!

I slowly moved backwards.

I hurriedly cast【Appraisal】on myself but I wasn't under any abnormal conditions.

Good, it might have been dangerous if I approached a little bit more.

The bat must have suffered from a disease due to the mask's power.

And, at that moment!

From the vent hole, a healthy bat,
entered the room.

The bat flew around energetically inside the room,
flying toward the mask.....

It suddenly stalled in the air.....
and fell on the floor with a *koron* and stopped moving.

Just like a『Bat bait』.

But, isn't this bad?

It's still fine if the bats die inside this room,
but if it leave the room whilst suffering from a disease,
it will become a source of infection. If this is handled poorly, there's a possibility
of a human being infected by it as well.

Perhaps there is some prevalence of disease in this region until now and this
place might be the source of infection.

But, what to do?

Should I block the vent so that the bats can't go in and out?

Since the vent hole was specifically built, it seems there would be a problem

closing it completely too.

Using【Earth magic】,
I transformed this room's only vent hole shaped like a screen door so that only wind can pass through.

With this, things like bats and rats won't be able to enter.

Then, I should return home as well, huh.

I put a tracking beacon on the『Golden mask of curse』for the time being,
and returned to Japan.

「I'm homee!」
「Welcome back!」

I was greeted by Aya and Elena.

「You stink, oniichan!!」

Not only Aya but Elena moved back as well.

「Do I smell that bad?」
「D-, Don't move! The smell will spread out!」

Aya and Elena fled towards the living room. Beyond the door—

「Don't come over here, oniichan!」

Terrible! So terrible!!

I used【Teleportation】to the bathroom whilst wearing shoes,
putting my clothes, shoes, underwear and the like away in the inventory,
I washed every nook and cranny of my body in the shower.

When I became thoroughly clean, I went into the living room wearing new clothes,

Aya approached and began to *sniff sniff* sniffed my scent.

「Thought it still stinks a little, it can't be helped.」
「Look here, I almost died.」

「Did you almost die from being too stinky?」

「No! I was nearly killed by a curse!」

「Curse!? What's that?」

「Are you alright, Seiji-sama!?」

「It's fine, there's no problem.」

When I showed the video recording of the tracking beacon I put on myself, I described the events happened inside the room.

「Then, did you bring the golden mask with you?」

「It wouldn't be possible to take such a thing where I would die by just approaching!」

「Come to think of it, that's right.~

But, it's dangerous if that room is discovered.」

「That room doesn't seem to be connected to the passage,
I think it will not be easily discovered.」

But,『Curse』, huh.~

That reminds me of the【Curse lifting potion】but still unable to make due to lack of ingredients.

Let's try to look for materials full-scale.

If I can make【Curse lifting potion】and splash it over the golden mask of curse, can it lift its curse?

To splash it over a precious cultural asset but there's no helping it.

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Chapter 145: Disease attack

The next morning,
I've contracted a disease.

「Oni.i.chan.~
It's.taking.so.long.~!!」

Lest she get infected, Aya was told not to enter the room.
Outside the door, she was shouting something.

「Seiji-sama, are you alright?」
「I'm sorry for troubling you every time, Elena.~
But since it's contagious, it's enough already.」

To nurse my illness, Elena had stayed by my side.
What a kind-hearted lady.

「It's fine, Seiji-sama. A person, who has acquired recovery magic, will become
less prone to diseases.」
「Is that so?」
「Yes.」

To think that there's such an effect in acquiring magic.
I want to immediately acquire recovery magic.

「Oni.i.chan.~!!」

「Ah, that's enough! You've been so noisy since a little while ago, Aya!
You're making a big deal out of me having caught a cold.」
「But.~!」

「Tell Aya that I'm going to be fine, Elena.」
「Okay, I understand.」

Thanks to Elena comforting Aya, it has finally become quiet.

I can finally sleep quietly.

If I sleep soundly, I'll immediately recover from the cold.

The【Appraisal】have become『Abnormal condition: Cold』but there seems to be no problem.

I put myself to sleep using【Sleep】magic.

After a while,
I've woken up to an indescribable bad premonition.

And, just then, Elena entered the room.

「Have you woken up, Seiji-sama?」
「Yah.」

Elena seems to have carried a tray with something on it.

However, that something on top of the tray,
was emitting a strange eerie atmosphere.....

「T-, That is?」
「It's uhh... it's a dish, for Seiji-sama, made by Aya-san.....」

Elena showed me what's on the tray.....

It had a frightening color and,
furthermore, it was giving off an offensive smell.

I had experienced the greatest crisis of life,
the way to retreat had already been blocked.

Aya is watching the situation from the gap of the room's door.

Whilst preparing myself for death, I ate it.

「!!?」

I forcibly poured all of that hideous something into my stomach,
I continued to desperately hold the reflux with all my might.

「S-, Seiji-sama, are you alright?」
「.....I'm going to sleep because I'm full.」

Leaving those words behind,
I went to sleep.

When I woke up, it was early in the afternoon.

N?

Voices can be heard coming from the living room.
Did someone come?

I looked through the tracking beacon's video.

『Sorry for coming when your oniichan is sick.』

The visitor was Ringo-san.
Did she possibly come to consult about the stalker?

『It's fine since oniichan ate the porridge I've made. He's now sleeping soundly.』

Was that a『Porridge』?
I'm sure..... no, it's nothing.

The 3 girls talked happily but I gradually got bored watching.

That reminds me, how is that dangerous-looking nose-pierced man stalker doing?
I tried to check the video of the tracking beacon attached to the stalker.

!!?
The front of my house was displayed on the video.

Nose-pierced man leaned towards the door of my house, watching the happenings inside.

G-, Gross! So gross!!
And dangerous! Too dangerous!!

I made a call to Aya with my smartphone placed on the bedside.

「Huh? What's wrong, oniichan?」
「Listen carefully, Aya.
Don't let anyone go out of the house until I say that it's good.」

「N? What do you mean?

Ringo-chan has come to play right now.」

「Don't let Ringo-san go out of the house too.」

「N!!? What do you mean?」

「Listen carefully so that Ringo-san doesn't notice.」

「O-, Okay.」

「The stalker who appeared in the cosplay convention,
is in front of the house right now.」

「Eeeee!!!」

『What happened, Aya-chan?』

「Look! Don't let Ringo-san know about it!」

「I-, Is that so.」

「Since the stalker bastard shows no sign of moving, let Ringo-san stay for a
while.」

「Shall I get rid of such a thing?」

「You'll die.」

「How so?」

「You don't know how dangerous that guys is.
That guy is like those fellow injecting dangerous drug on themselves.
You don't know what to do.」

「S-, Seriously!?!」

「If you understand then tell it carefully to Ringo-san.」

「O-, Ok.」

Now, will Aya be able to tell it well?

Aya, who had finished a call with me, talked to Ringo-san again.

「Ringo-san, stay here for today.」

「Though it was particularly fine, what was that phone call a little while ago?」

「Uhh... It's oniichan,
he said the if Ringo-san goes home, he'll die from loneliness.....」

Oiii!!!

「N!? Your oniichan!?!」

Ringo-san too swallowed that story!

Chapter 146: Apple mark

It somehow succeeded in detaining Ringo-san—

I tried to call the police.

However, the suspicious man has only been loitering around in front of the house without any kind of activity, is what they've said.

As expected, there's no choice but to rely on ourselves to do something.....

When I looked at situation of the stalker man,
from a shadow in a slightly remote position, he was eating anpan and drinking milk whilst observing our direction.

It feels like an ambush!

Should I go to that guy?

No, since Elena put me on complete bed rest, permission is needed when going to the restroom.

If I go outside, not to mention making a racket, she will get angry.

Should I make Aya go?

Aya will surely be able to win with room to spare but I'm still somewhat worried.

Overenthusiastic, Aya will have the stalker man.....

No, let's stop thinking about it.

If it's Mai-san I can leave it to her with a peace of mind.

When you look at it from a third person point of view, a 30 year old DT making a little girl face a dangerous person..... What the heck! Being a DT is unrelated!!

Well, it's best not to get the unrelated Mai-san involved.

Though she got dragged in at that time of cosplay convention.

When I continue to watch the stalker whilst thinking such a thing.....

「I brought you dinner, Seiji-sama.」

Elena brought me dinner.

Oh, how lucky.

If I have Elena to take care of me like this, getting sick all the time may also be fine.

Wa!?

I regretted it, I almost forgot something important.

「Who made this dish, Elena?」

「It was made by the 3 of us.

Was it bad?」

「It taste good, it taste good.

Thank you, Elena.」

I completely forgot about the stalker.

With「Aaan」, I had Elena feed me
a delicious dinner full of love.

However, before I knew it, Aya, who looked bitter for some reason, is peering through the gap of the room's door.

Did you want to be fed by Elena with「Aaan」that much?
She's probably jealous.

I had Elena feed me while giving Aya a glancing triumphant look.
Aya sulked and left.

「Thank you for the delicious meal.」

「It wasn't much.」

「Ah, wait a sec, Elena.」

「Yes, what is it?」

「Please take this.」

I took the accessories I've made from 10 Aurum silver coins out of the inventory and had Elena keep them.

「I'll show it to Ringo-san.」

「Yes, let me know what she thinks about them.」

「Yes, I understand.」

Elena left the room,
Though I was savoring the happiness until a while ago, I switched my mood and

resumed in monitoring the stalker.

However, the stalker got on a train.

Hm? Has he given up already?

Well, at any rate, it's good, it's good.

After a while, I heard happy voices coming from the living room so I tried to peek through Elena's beacon.

「This is really elaborate. It's very well made.」

「I know right!」

Why is Aya making a triumphant look?

「The color in particular is beautiful, what kind of metal is this?」

「This seems to be silver.」

「Silver!? It has this color even though it's silver.....

is it not pure silver by any chance?」

「I wonder, I have to ask oniichan.」

「T-, That's right.

Because pure silver seems to be very difficult to process,
it's not pure silver, is it?」

Well, it's pure silver.

「Ah, but, the metal pins part is not yet finished.」

「According to Seiji-sama, because he doesn't understand it well, he has to ask Ringo-san.」

「Is that so~? Well, the metal pins part is difficult and complex to make.」

Ringo-san thought a bit,

「Since I'll go to a store specialized in metal pins, I'll ask them to install it.」

「Tomorrow!?!」

Elena and Aya, who knows the stalker situation, had their faces stiffened.

「Eh? Why do you look strange, you two?」

「Ah, errr... wait, let's ask oniichan.」

「U-, Un.」

Aya called me on my cellphone.

『Oniichan, you know.....』

『Iya, I've heard what you guys were talking about.』

『As expected.

So, what do you think we should do?』

『Umu, it's dangerous but.....

Aya, you go with Ringo-san as her guard.』

『Un, I understand. That's what I was planning to do as well.』

「It has been decided, I'll also go along with Ringo-chan.」

「Why?

Isn't it boring since I'm only going to buy a metal pins?」

「Well.....

Right! I love metal pins!!

I love metal pins so much that I want to soak in a bath of metal pins!」

「I-, Is that so. I understand.」

「Elena-chan, I'll leave oniichan's nursing to you.」

「Yes, leave it to me.」

With the two's abnormally imperious appearance, Ringo-san backed down a bit.

After a while, when I tried to confirm the stalker man's situation—

He was again leaning towards the door and watching the situation inside.

Gross!!!

Hm? But.....

this door, it's not the door of my house!?

The room number was drawn on the nameplate with a lovely, hand-drawn apple mark.

Since the name isn't written on the nameplate, I don't know whose house it is.....

Nameplate with apple mark.....

Perhaps, it's Ringo-san's house.¹

Stalker man seemed to have wait-and-see around the door for a while and gave up after he found out that there was nobody home. He returned to his house dejectedly.

The unaware Ringo-san's happy voice can be heard from the living room. I must help Ringo-san here at all cost!

With a determination in heart,
I need to quickly get rid of my cold too in case of something unexpected happens.

Casting【Sleep】magic on myself, I quickly fell asleep.

Translator notes and reference:

¹Ringo means apple.

Chapter 147: Eccentric behavior

When I woke up next morning—
my cold had become considerably better.

「You're still a little hot.
Please sleep quietly again today.」
「Yes.」

Due to Elena checking my temperature by sticking our foreheads together, I think my temperature had gone up temporarily.

After that, Elena fed me breakfast by『blowing on it to cool it down』and I decided to rest quietly in bed.

After a while, since Aya and Ringo-san were about to go out, Aya came to say hello.

「Well then, see you later.」
「Yeah, please be perfectly careful since the opponent is a dangerous guy.」
「I understand.」

「Even if he approaches, don't think of fighting to knock him down, okay?」
「Ehhhh, why?」

「You don't understand, do you!?
The most important thing is to protect Ringo-san.」
「T-, That's right.」

「Ah, come to think of it, I've forgot something.」

I put a tracking beacon on Aya.

Since I've already used up all of the 8 tracking beacon,
I used the beacon attached to Azos, who didn't need to be tracked.

「N? Did you cast some kind of magic on me?」
「Yes, it's【tracking】magic.」

「Huh? Didn't I have【Tracking】magic on me the whole time?」
「You didn't have it on you recently.」

「I've always thought that oniichan had been peeping on me all the time.」

「I can't possibly do such a thing.」

「Not even peeping on me in the bath?」

「I can't possibly peep at my imouto's bathing scene.」

「Then, you have been peeping at Elena's bathing scenes.」

「I haven't been peeping on anyone.」

「N!?!」

「Is it that surprising?」

「Why hasn't my pervert oniichan been peeping on anyone?」

「I'm not a pervert!

Besides, for privacy, the magic was blocked so I wasn't able to peep.」

「Eh, so it has such technical specification.~」

「Other than such a thing, just go out immediately.」

「Ah, yes. Well then, I'm off.」

After the unproductive discussion,
Aya and Ringo-san left.

Well, I should get back to work stalking the stalker.

But, when I checked the stalker's situation,
the guy hadn't moved yet.

The guy was still sleeping and a large number of empty beer cans scattered
around the futon.

He was probably drinking in frustration yesterday.

Elena finished tidying up the breakfast and came over to nurse me.

「Seiji-sama, how is Ringo-san's situation?」

「It seems she's dropping by her house for a moment before shopping.」

I projected the video of the beacon attached to Aya for Elena to see.

It seems the house the stalker man was checking out yesterday was Ringo-
san's house after all.

There were so many drawing tools at Ringo-san's house,

and nothing but stylish furniture and the like.

After a while, it seems she finished her errand,
and Aya and Ringo-san left the house.

At the same time, there was a movement coming from the stalker man.

Surprisingly, he took out a syringe and began to inject a drug to himself.

「Wa!?!」

「What happened, Seiji-sama?」

I showed the video of the stalker man to Elena.

「What is this person doing to himself?」

「It seems he had become addicted to drugs.」

「Addicted to drugs? How?」

「This drug is a terrible medicine which makes you want more once you use it.」

「So there's such a thing, huh.....」

Watching it for a while, the man began to dance whilst undressing and raising
a strange voice.

「Wa!?!」

I immediately prevented the video from being seen by Elena.

「What happened?」

「It's a hideous, unbearable sight.

It's better for Elena not to see it.」

「Y-, yes.」

But, that was just the beginning.

The man rampaged through the room while making an ecstatic expression.

I felt nauseous looking at the too-painful-to-watch scene.

I stopped watching the video.

「You look pale, Seiji-sama.」

「No, it's nothing. Because I didn't expect to be shown something hateful like
that.....」

The SAN¹ value/level has fallen remarkably.

Under such circumstances, won't the neighbors file a report?

After a while, Aya and Ringo-san arrived at the handmade accessories shop. The shop was a great shop where only handmade accessories related stuff was put up from the building's first floor to fifth floor.

Aya was surprised at the excessive number of stuff, getting along with Ringo-san, the two people were enjoying the shopping.

After a while, there was a movement but it was coming from the stalker man this time.

Looking at the map, it seems he had gone out.

When I cautiously checked the video—

The stalker man with a dangerous look was traveling on a train. Looking at the direction, it would probably be towards Ringo-san's house.

「It seems that guy has started to move, Elena.」

「Does Seiji-sama intend to fight?」

「Yes, I'll probably do so.」

「B-, But, you're sick.」

「But still, I need to go so that Aya won't have to fight.」

「.....」

「What? It's just a cold, I won't die.」

「P-, Please wait.

I'll try to cure your illness.」

「Cure? Can you do such a thing?」

If I'm not mistaken, the magic that Elena had acquired was【Illness mitigation】, there shouldn't be an【Illness cure】.

「I'll try!」

Elena laid me on the bed, sticking her forehead around my stomach area, she began to control some kind of magic power.

After a while, *haaa haaa* Elena's breathing on my stomach had become disordered.

「Elena, are you alright?」

「I'm sorry, Seiji-sama.

I've found the disease but they are numerous and small so I haven't managed to get rid of them completely.」

「Elena, isn't there something inside my body that fights against the disease?」

「Inside Seiji-sama's body?

I'll try to find it.」

Elena controlled the magic power further.

「Ah! There it is!!

There is something fighting the disease.」

「Yes, those fellows. They are antibodies.」

「Antibodies!?!」

「Listen, Elena.

Instead of directly getting rid of the disease, distribute the power to those fellows and fight the disease together.」

「I understand. I'll try!」

Elena raised the magic power even more,
then, my body had started to gradually heat up.

I surrendered myself and didn't resist the heat.

The heat moves, spreading throughout my body.....

then,
it bursts, becoming light.

It seemed to have consumed a considerable amount of magic power,
with「haaa haaa」, Elena's breathing had become disordered.

「S-, Seiji-sama, how is it?」

When I appraised myself, the disease had been completely cured.

「It seems to be completely cured. Thank you, Elena.」

「G-, Good.....」

「Elena, are you alright?」

「I-, I'm fine.

Just, a little, tired.」

「I'm sorry. Because of me, you overexerted yourself, Elena.」

「N-, No.」

I held the exhausted Elena in princess carry,
carrying her to her bed in Aya's room and laid her down.

「Leave the rest to me and rest at ease.」

「Yes. Please do your best, Seiji-sama.」

「Yes, leave it to me.」

Elena began to snore with *zzzz zzzz*.

Translator notes and reference:

¹I have no idea what this is.

Chapter 148: Vs. Stalker man

After my cold had been completely cured and Elena was put to sleep, the stalker man had arrived at Ringo-san's house when I looked at his situation.

Ringo-san's house is on the fifth floor of the apartment but, the man have made that gross move again, trying to peek inside.

Furthermore, he continued to loiter around for hours without getting tired. The spirit of an stalker couldn't be understood by ordinary people.

Aya and Ringo-san had finished shopping, and were eating a huge parfait in a coffee shop. A girl's stomach couldn't be understood by men.

It was only about 3 minutes when I took my eyes off of the stalker man, however, when I looked at the stalker man after 3 minutes, that fellow—

was inside Ringo-san's room.

!!?

Since when did he manage to sneak in!?

Sh*t!

Ringo-san's room have been trampled down by stalker man.

I firmly endured the feeling of charging in at once and made a call to Aya.

「What's the matter, oniichan?」

「Listen carefully,
the stalker man broke into Ringo-san's room.」

「What!?!」

『What's wrong, Aya-chan?』

On the other side of the phone is the anxious Ringo-san.

『Nothing, don't worry Ringo-chan. It 's fine.』

「Then, what will you do, oniichan?」

「Borrow the key from Ringo-san and come over here by yourself.」

「Why in the world will you do such a troublesome thing?

If it's oniichan, despite appearances, will be able to get in, right?」

「Because there will be a need to explain it to the police this time, we need to avoid using magic if possible.」

「Yes, I understand. I'll try to ask Ringo-chan.」

『Nee, Ringo-chan.』

『What's wrong, Aya-chan? You look grim.』

『Please lend me the key to your room, Ringo-chan.』

『What do you mean?』

Stupid Aya, it was probably too fast of a straight ball pitch.

『Is the stalker inside my room by any chance!?!』

Aya, who was at a loss for a while,
quietly nodded.

Why did you nod?

『Please stay here, Ringo-chan. Because oniichan and I will do something.』

『I refuse!』

『Why!?!』

『I will go as well!』

Aya and Ringo-san glared at each other for a while.

『I understand, let's go together.』

『Un.』

Idiot, Aya! Why are you going to bring her!!!?

「Oi, Aya, what are you trying to do?」

「The two of us will go to the police station and bring along a policeman.
Will that be fine?」

「Okay, just hurry up because I'm going to stand watch in front of the room.」

「Un.」

I used【Teleportation】to go in front of Ringo-san's house and waited for the two people.

After a while, Aya and Ringo-san came over with a policeman.

「It's this room.」

「Lend me the key.」

The policeman borrowed the key from Ringo-san, opened the door and cautiously entered inside.

What the, the man was in the middle of drug injection inside Ringo-san's room.

「You! What are you doing in a place like this!」

When the policeman spoke,
the man grinned with unfocused eyes—

and abruptly rushed on the policeman.

As one would expect of a policeman,
the man's left hand was squeezed to the utmost towards his back.

Did he do it?

The man, in spite of his left hand being squeezed to the utmost,
tried to stand up forcibly.

「Hey, stand down!」

The man's left hand is making unpleasant sound with *crunch crunch*.

The man finally managed to stand up at the expense of his left hand,
and threw the policeman to the side.

The policeman, who didn't think that the man would counterattack at the expense of his left hand,
hit the wall and fainted.

The man, who have noticed Ringo-san, raised a strange voice.

Ringo-san also fell onto her rear due to excessive fear.

The man, whilst raising a strange voice,

took out a small hidden knife and held it in reverse grip.

Aiming at Ringo-san who have fallen onto her rear—
he swung the knife down.

Busuri

An unpleasant sound of a knife piercing through the human flesh can be heard,
and blood splatters around the area.

The man,
roared in joy at the sensation of stabbing a person.

「Aya! Get Ringo-san into a safe place!!」

「B-, But..... O-, Oniichan.....
your hand!」

「Don't worry about that! Hurry!」

It hurts!!!

I've been planning to not use magic when in Japan and unconsciously caught the knife by hand.

The man's knife was still piercing my left palm.

Guri guri it grinds against my palm! It hurts!!

When the man and I were struggling with each other,
the policeman finally regained consciousness.

「You-, are you okay!?!」

「It's too much, I'm not okay!」

The policeman takes his gun out,

「Put down your weapon. If you don't stand down, I'll shoot!」

however, the man doesn't seem to hear it at all.

Pan!

The policeman fired a warning shot towards the wall.

The man is still completely unfazed.

Or rather, he's so stimulated which prevents from hearing the surrounding sounds?

The situation is completely out of control.

I also cast【sleep】magic on the man a little while ago but it didn't work at all.

Does the magic not work due to the abnormal secretion of adrenaline? It may probably be the effect of the drug.

Ignoring the repeatedly fired warning shots, the man has turned the knife piercing my left hand violently.

Finally, the policeman—

shoots the man with a handgun.

The bullet that the policeman fired hit the man's thigh.

It seems like it hit badly,
blood flows out of the man's thigh profusely.

Isn't this bad?

The man, leaving a hideous laughter with『Kukekeke』, slowly stopped moving.

Chapter 149: Hospital

「Are you alright!?!」

「Thanks to you, I was saved.」

「Anyway, we have to call an ambulance immediately!」

Policeman-san, who was supposed to apprehend the stalker, looked considerably at wit's end when this happened suddenly.

When I check the situation of the surroundings, Aya is upset about my hand injury but she doesn't know what to do.

Ringo-san is sitting down on the ground, unable to stand up due to fear.....
.....I can't tell how is the situation of the surroundings any more than this since it concerned her privacy.

The culprit.....
is terribly bleeding but.....
he doesn't seem to be dead yet.

It can't be helped, let's stop the bleeding.

I suppressed the wound properly and prevented the blood from flowing out using water magic.

After a while, the police reinforcements and ambulance arrived.

I managed to keep the culprit's life for the time being, and leave the rest to the emergency personnel.

I was transported to the hospital on an ambulance, together with Aya and Ringo-san as well.

「A-, Are you alright, o-, oniichan?」
「It's so painful but I will not die.」

「I-, I'm sorry, it's my fault.」
「Ringo-san feels responsible that bad, huh.

An injury caused by protecting a cute girl
is a medal for a man, you know?」

By the way, Ringo-san is fine since she changed clothes properly.¹

「But, oniichan.

Why did you help such a guy?」

「Aya, that's a very dangerous way of thinking.」

「But, he tried to kill oniichan, right?」

「Even so, I can't let him die without helping him.」

「Oniichan is too lenient!」

I, whilst repeatedly remonstrating Aya,
was jolted from the ambulance and taken to the hospital.

After a while, we arrived at the hospital.

「W-, What on earth is this!?!」

The doctor, who was going to treat me, was surprised.

「With this much injury, why is it only bleeding a little like this?」

As one would expect, because it was unpleasant to have my blood flows out
rapidly,

I tried to suppress the bleeding a bit using magic.....

Did I overdo it a little?

Afterwards, I was asked to take an x-ray.

I was told that the knife seemed to have pierced through a gap,
and didn't affect the bone that much.

It's good if it's like this,
even if the wound heals a little earlier than usual, it seems to be alright.
It's still painful and.....

inconvenient in various ways having to use only one hand.....

But, I was only going to be hospitalized for today.

「O-, Oniichan, are you going to be hospitalized?」

「The people from the police admitted me to the hospital for about today.」

「Is it a fatal wound after all?」

「Do you know what a fatal wound is, Aya?」

「Uhh, what is it?」

「You-」

「Err, how are you, oniisan, um.....」

「You're not hurt anywhere, right?」

「Yes, thank you.」

「That's good.」

「Uhm, I have a favor to ask.」

「N? What is it?」

「Uhm, can you please stop calling me『Ringo-san』?」

「Ah, that's right. Sorry, by an ossan like me,
it's unpleasant to be called by your first name.」

「T-, That's not it! It's not like that,
without attaching『san』, I hope that you can address me without honorific.....
is it no good?」

For some reason, Aya is glaring at me.

I understand it perfectly,
you want to say『read the mood』, right?

I'm a DT but I can read a girl's mind.

「I understand, Ringo.....
I'm somewhat embarrassed.

Is this alright?

「Yes!」

How's that my imouto? I properly read the mood.

Eh?

Why are you glaring at me since a little while ago?

Even if I was able to read a girl's mind somehow or another, it looks like a DT
was unable to read imouto's mind.....

「Oniichan.」

「What is it? Aya-san?」

「Since I'm not particularly angry, stop talking in a strange way.」

Hm? Not angry? I don't understand what it means even more.

「So, is it fine for the person who will take care of you to stay in this room?」

「Uh, I really don't know but,
do you intend to stay here?」

「Intend?」

「Since I don't need to be nursed, return home.」

「Why! Do you hate me?」

「That's not it, Elena is waiting at home.

What about Ringo?

Are you going to let her go home by herself?」

「I-, I'm fine.」

「It's no good! After such a thing happened,
it's no good to be alone.

Besides, are you going to go back alone in that room?」

「I-, It's..... it's hateful/disgusting.」

「Then, Ringo-chan should stay at our house for a while.」

「Is it alright?」

「Great, it's settled.」

「Yes, use it as much as you want.

Elena will be happy as well.」

「Un, thank you!」

Like this, Aya and Ringo went home.

I.....

By an exceptionally cute nurse,
with variety of this and that, from that sort of thing to this sort of thing²—
I was nursed.

Translator notes and reference:

¹Uh, what?

²I've tried, here's the raw: 色々、あれこれ、あんなことや、こんなことまで—

Chapter 150: Seriously!??

「It's an unknown ceiling.」

One has to say this line when one stayed in a hospital, right?
I've wanted to say it once.

On that day,
I contacted the company,
received a thorough examination,
and there was a police interview, it was very busy.

According to the police's story,
that man regained consciousness and seemed to have rampaged again.
In fact, it was also found out that he seemed to have killed many people in the
past.

Well, let's leave the rest to the police.

I finally got home in the evening.

「Seiji-sama!」

I've been hugged by Elena as soon as I've returned.
I'm healed.

「Niichan, welcome back.」

「Welcome back, Seiji-sama.」

「I'm home.」

Iyaa, it's a joy of supreme bliss to be greeted by a girl.

「Your mouth is extending, oniichan.」

「Shut up!」

「I'll cook you dinner today, Seiji-sama.」

「Thank you, Elena.」

「I'll help too, Elena-san.」

「I'll also help.」

After a while,
3 dishes were lined up before me.

1 is filled with『Love』,
while the other 1 is a beautiful『Art』,
while the remaining 1 is.....

The dish filled with『Love』had a gentle taste,
while the beautiful『Art』dish, had a balanced, beautiful taste.
The other dish..... let's leave it alone.

「Mou! Why aren't you eating mine, oniichan!!」

Well, it looks suspicious at a glance.

「Obviously, it's made by you. Did you set up something in it?」

「Because you had such two cute girls cooked you a dish, if you didn't eat the
strange one as well, it wouldn't be balanced.」

「What is strange about it!」

「It's delicious.~」

「You, is this really edible?」

「It's safe, probably.」

My stomach is filled with love, art and nausea—

The 4 of us together, celebrated our safety.

The next day, whilst being seen off by Elena,
Aya and Ringo went to junior college and vocational school,
and I went to the company.

When I arrived at the company, I was surrounded by the department people
and was bombarded with questions.

Somehow or another, it seemed to have become quite a big news.

I'm also now a celebrity!
I've been incessantly invited to combined parties!

Or so I thought but it didn't seem to be so.....

The barrage of questions settled down for the time being and I've began to work but,
typing on keyboard with one hand was harder than I've thought.

Can't the electrical signal that occurs when the keyboard has been tapped be reproduced?

I tried doing it a bit but it was impossible.
【Lightning magic】had excessively strong electric power, it wasn't able to control a weak electricity.

Shit, if it's only possible, I can connect my brain directly to the computer like a certain anime and do a lot of things.

After a while, when I was getting used to one-handed typing on keyboard, producing a good sound, the Director called out to me.

「W-, What a skillful fingers.」

「Ah, Director. Is there something you want me to do?」

「The President is calling you with regards to 'that' matter.」

「I understand.」

Of course, 'that' matter would be the stimulant potions.

When I arrived at the President's office,

「You seemed to have been involved in some major incident or something, are you alright?」

「Ah, yes. I can't use my left hand for a while but working seems to be alright.」

「In any case, it was good that it didn't become a serious matter.」

「Thank you.」

It's embarrassing when such a thing has been said directly from the President.

「By the way, 'that' matter about medicine,
I'm thinking of stopping it now.」

「N? Did you have any trouble?」

「No, it's the reverse.」

「Reverse??」

「During this GW, I had quiet a lot of it but,
the medicine had been exhausted midway.

What to do, I was at a loss but then.....

I was like, what!
I'm fine even without drinking the medicine,
my『youthfulness』has returned!

When I think about this,
is this the effect of the continuous drinking of 'that' medicine?
No, I can't think of anything other than that!

I can't thank you enough.」

「Is that so?
I'm happy that you've recovered your health.
Congratulations.」

「Thank you.」

I shook hands with the President and the Director.
I handed 3【Stimulant potion +3】in the end and left the President's office.

They've said that they will transfer the last payment later.

Unexpectedly, the potion had such an effect.....
was it because its quality was『+3』?

When I checked my bank account in another day, 5 million yen had been
transferred.

Seriously!!!!!!?

Chapter 151: Whose!?

The next morning.

「Thank you for taking care of me.」

「Please come again.」

Ringo's parents came to pick her up.

After staying at a hotel for some time,
it seems they've rented a new apartment.

「Ringo-chan was gone.」

「Yea.」

「I thought Ringo-chan will be living here all the time.」

「Why!?!」

「Because, it's oniichan!」

「What is it?」

Let's stop with Aya's comic act around here.....

「There's something important we need to discuss, Elena.」

「Okay, what is it?」

「There's a lot of things left unsettled,
what will you do from now on?」

「From now on?」

「Elena, you've been kidnapped by me but,
the original purpose,
is to protect you from the danger of war.
And, the war has been already settled.....」

「Ah.....」

「They are now dealing with the aftermath of the war and the King will return
to the Royal Capital around this weekend as well.
So, at that time, to the King's place.....」

「I-, I don't want!

I want to be with Seiji-sama!」

「How are you going to explain it to the King?」

「T-, That's.....」

「Niichan! Are you going to send Elena-chan back?」

「That's not what I'm saying,

isn't Elena in runaway-girl-like situation right now?

It's no good if we don't take her in properly, I think?」

「T-, That's right but.....」

「Seiji-sama!

P-, Please, marry me!」

「「Eeeeeeeee!!!」」

「I don't want to be separated from Seiji-sama.

I'll dedicate my body and soul to Seiji-sama,

so please let me stay here together with you.」

「E-, Elena.....」

「Seiji-sama.....」

Ah, crap! I can't endure it anymore.

「Y-, You cantttttttt!!」

「Aya-san!?

Why not?」

「T-, That's.....

well, uhh.....

Ah, that's right!

Because Elena-chan is mine,

I can't hand you to oniichan!!」

「「Eeeee!?!」」

「I'm glad, Aya-san but.....

a girl companion, is a little.....」

「It's fine. Gender is not a hindrance as long as there's love.....」

「I understand, well then,
let's get along, the 3 of us, with Seiji-sama.....」
「With oniichan?.....
I-, It would surely be no good!」

I gave the crown of Aya's head a chop.

「Calm down, Aya.」
「Ouch.....」

Thanks to Aya, who has been behaving recklessly, I've recovered my senses.
Just now, my senses has been blown away for a moment.....

If Aya isn't here.....
it may have become dangerous.....
well, it may have been good though.

I switched my mood.

「Though I feel glad, you're rushing this decision too much.」
「B-, But.....」

「First of all, Elena is 15 years old right now, I think?
In Japan, you can only get married from 16 years old.」
「Then, let's wait until my birthday.」

「No, if you're getting married under 20 years old, you need the consent of
your parents.」
「Otousama's consent.....」

「I also love Elena very much.
Because there's still time, let's think about the future slowly.」
「Yes! Seiji-sama.」

Elena and I stared at each other for a while.

Aya was scowling at me at the side.

And then, time passed.....
Saturday of the week.

Aya, Elena and I,
had an audience with King Delaidos.

「Oh, Elena has returned.
Come here.」

「Otousama, I.....
I want to be with Seiji-sama.」

「What did you say?
It's not necessary to be protected by that guy anymore!」

「Please listen, otousama.
When I was together with Seiji-sama, I've learned many things.
I think that it will surely be beneficial to this Delaidos Kingdom too.
Please give me permission to be with Seiji-sama for a while right now.」

「It's no good. When you're together with such a guy, you don't know when
he'll going to violate you.
Quickly, come over here!」
「Otousama.....」

What a guy.
It can't be helped, let's give her a hand.

「Hey, your highness.」
「What is it? You have no business left here anymore, quickly leave.」

「Putting that aside, return the gold I've lent to you.」
「I-, I don't know of such a thing!」

Uwa, this guy intends to shirk payment.
「I see, I see! If you don't pay.....」
「What about if I don't pay!?!」

「I'll have Elena instead of the gold.」
「What did you say!!?!」

I drew Elena close to me a little violently.

「Kyaa! S-, Seiji-sama.」

Elena chose to remain still.

「Curse you!! S-, Shit!
Taking advantage of the weakness!!!」

「Look, your highness.
A promise is something made up of fiduciary relationship with each other.
When you always do things like betraying trust.....
Your country shall perish!」
「.....」

Ignoring the King who sunk into silence, we left the castle.

「I'm sorry, Seiji-sama. Because of me, you have acted in such a play.」
「It's not『I'm sorry』but『Thank you』. Right, Elena?」
「Yes! Thank you very much!」

「Nee, Oniichan!
Until when do you intend to hug Elena?」
「Because Elena has become mine,
isn't it fine for me to hug her for as long as I want?」

「No!
Because what's yours is also mine, oniichan.
So Elena-chan is mine!」
「You really,
then, what's yours is also mine?」

「No!
What's mine is mine!!」

What's this, Jaianism¹!!!?

Translator notes and reference:

¹This is in reference to the anime Doraemon's Takeshi Gouda a.k.a Gian(Giant)/Jaian's infamous catchphrase "What's yours is mine, what's mine is mine."

Arc 10: Hilda

Chapter 152: Hilda

We went to the Nippo town that Rondo governs.

It's because Rondo wishes to meet us.

I wonder what on earth does he want to talk about?

「Hello,

although I've been invited by Rondo, can I meet him?」

「What!?

Oh, it's Seiji-dono. We've been expecting you.」

It seems that the mansion's gatekeeper is well-informed, letting me pass through smoothly.

「Oh, it's good that you've come, Seiji, Elena-sama, and...Aya-san!」

Is this fellow still aiming at Aya?

「So, what do you want to talk about?」

「Oh, it's not me who has something to discuss, but the magician unit.」

「Magician unit?

That reminds me, they are Rondo's subordinates.

So, where are they?」

「Misha is in the mansion.

She's probably in the housemaids' anteroom.

Cassandra is in Shinju town.

Rachel-san should be at the construction site of new『Village』, situated on the west of this Nippo town.

Are you going to see them?」

「Everyone is acting separately, huh.....

By the way, what about Hilda?」

「Hilda? Oh, that slave.

I think that everyone of the magician unit may know?」

Hilda has such treatment, huh.....

Well, it can't be helped.

We went to the housemaid's anteroom to meet Misha.

「Excuse me, is Misha-san here?」

「Oh, Seiji. You've come.」

There was Misha-san dressed in maid clothes.

「Iyaa, I've been indebted to you.

You've proposed to the King to reward us.

Thanks to you, I'm also like an aristocrat now.」

「Aristocrat? Did you become an aristocrat?」

「Well, it's but a lowest『Quasi-aristocrat』.」

「Congratulations.

But, though you're an aristocrat, you're a maid?」

「Ufu.♥ It's my request since I want to take care of Rondo-sama.」

「You've become a maid because of that.....?」

「And, one day, Rondo-sama will get bewitched by these bewitching maid clothes!」

Misha-san's maid clothes were worthy of the term, bewitching. It had a daring, open chest design.

「By the way, did you have something to discuss with me?」

「Ah, that's right. We have something to discuss with you about Hilda, will you go to where Rachel is?」

「Rachel-san is in the western village of Nippo town, is Hilda there with her?」

「Oh, yes.」

「I see, I'm going then.」

We headed toward the western village of Nippo town.

It had become troublesome way, after running with【Lightning flash】alone, I returned to pick Aya and Elena up and headed toward the western village of Nippo town using【Teleportation】once again.

「Excuse me, I'm here to see Rachel. Where is she?」

This is the construction site? I asked a construction worker and since he said that she's in a temporary tent, I decided to go.

「Are you here, Rachel-san?」

「Oh!? I thought who it is, if it isn't newbie...no, it's Seiji, isn't it? You've already come, you're fast, huh.」

「By the way, where's Hilda?」

「Ah, she's working at the back.

Hey! Hilda! Come here.」

「Y-, Yes!」

A voice can be heard from the inner part of the tent and Hilda appeared.

When Hilda saw my face, a joyful expression flashed from her face for an instant.

「Rachel-sama, did call me?」

「Yes, we're going to discuss something a little, stay here with us too.」

「Yes.」

When Hilda went beside Rachel, Rachel started to talk.

「To be honest, there's a matter about Hilda which proved to be troubling. I need your help, Seiji.」

A troubling matter about Hilda? What could it be?

Hilda has an apologetic expression.

「We, the 3 people of the magician unit, had been assessed for playing an active role in the war and were rewarded.」

「Reward?」

「Yes, I received a peerage of a lower class aristocrat while Misha and Cassandra received a peerage of quasi-aristocrat.」

「Congratulations.」

「Thank you.

Because of that, we can't stay as adventurers now that we became aristocrats.

I, as the new village chief,

Misha as a maid,

and Cassandra as the『Special envoy』of the newly established trade with the demonkind.」

「Those are great responsibilities.」

Though Misha's job as a maid seemed to be carefree.

「That's right.

That's why I've been troubled about Hilda.」

Hilda's body jerked.

「Why?」

「Hilda is a slave bought by the money the 3 of us contributed. There's no problem as long as the three of us are acting together but now, we are acting separately.

I'm taking care of her for the time being but, it's unfair for me to employ Hilda alone.

We can just simply sell her to the slave traders and divide the gold into 3 parts but.....

apparently, it doesn't seem probable either.」

「Why?」

「Hilda distributed the candy during the war, right?」

「Yeah.」

「The demonkind's soldiers wanted to thank her for that, if it become known to them that she has been sold to the slave traders, it may become problematic.」

「Then, what are you going to do?」

「That's where you come in, Seiji.」

「Me?」

「Will you take Hilda?」

「Pardon!?!」

Chapter 153: Transfer

「Will you take Hilda?」

「Pardon!?!」

Because I lived in Japan where slavery doesn't exist, there's a resistance to something called slave.~

As I was having a troubled face, Hilda wore an anxious expression, seeming a little sad.

「Do you agree to come with me, Hilda?」

「N!?! Uh, because I'm a slave.....」

「I'll follow the order of the person who has become my master.」

It can't be helped. Well, I will manage somehow.

As I crouched down and patted Hilda's head—

「Will you come with me, Hilda?」

「Y-, Yes!」

Hilda made a slightly joyful expression.

「Alright, Seiji. Let's perform the slave transfer.」

「How is it done?」

「What? You don't know?

The two of us will have to send magic power from the front and back of the slave collar respectively.

I'll have the back and you will have the front, Seiji.」

「I understand.」

I touched the front part of Hilda's collar and sent magic power at Rachel-san's signal.

Then, Hilda's collar started to shine, Hilda began to fidget whilst staring at me.
Is it the effect of some magic?

Then, the light gradually became stronger.

When the light became remarkably strong, it burst and vanished.

At the same time as the light burst, Hilda's body shook with *shiver shiver*.

Hilda's breathing was a little disordered, suddenly, she clung around my waist.

「I-, I'm sorry.」

It seems her legs staggered, throwing her off balance.

「Are you okay?」

「Y-, yes.」

Somehow,『Slave transfer』smells like a horrible crime but is it alright?

Well, whatever.

「With this, Hilda has become Seiji's.

Ah, that's right. This is a knife for dismantling monsters that Hilda used, consider this as a parting gift.」

I received a knife from Rachel-san—

「Take this, Hilda.」

「Yes.」

When Hilda received the knife from me, she hung the knife on her waist strap protectively.

「My business is only this, send my regards to Misha and Cassandra if you see them.

Well then, since I'm busy, quickly go.」

Rachel-san suddenly talked fast and rapidly turned around, ending the conversation.

「Stay well.」

Rachel-san muttered something under her breath, and quickly went to the tent's inner part.

I wonder what happened suddenly?

We left Rachel-san's tent,
and after walking a little, we had come to a forest's bower.

「Hilda, hold my hand because I'm going to use magic right now.」

「Y-, yes.」

The four of us take each other's hand and formed a circle. We moved to Shinji town using【Teleportation】.

「N!?!」

Hilda, who was surprised at being suddenly transferred to another location, had her eyes wide open.

「Hilda, don't tell others about this magic, do you understand?」

「Hii-yes!」

Hilda, whilst holding her own mouth, nodded vigorously.

You don't need to be tensed that much.

There are hardly any soldiers left in Shinju town, instead, a lot of merchants can be seen.

We, after inquiring someone in the city the location of the special trade envoy's office, visited Cassandra.

「Oh, Seiji. And, Hilda!」

「Hello, Cassandra-san.」

「Have you already met Rachel? Seiji, you're fast.」

No need to say fast or something like that.

「But, a trade envoy?

Cassandra-san is knowledgeable not only in magic but also in trade, huh.」

「No, not at all.」

「N!? But you're a special trade envoy, right?」

「I'm just going along with it.」

「Why are you still doing it?」

「They said that it's better for a non-human to be here.」

As Cassandra-san said so, *piko piko* her cat ears moved.

I don't understand the things such as trade and diplomacy well, is that how it is~?

「That reminds me, Seiji.」

「What is it?」

「Don't you have a【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】?」

「N? I have.」

「You have!? Really?

Give it to me!」

「I won't! That's because I will be in trouble if I don't have it!」

「I-, I see.....」

「Why do you need a【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】?」

「I'm going to use it when I go to the demonkind's town but I don't have enough of it.」

That's right, I forgot that they can't communicate with the demonkind through language.

The magic stone shop in Ikebu may have it, let's go there later.

「I have another question for you, Seiji.」

「What is it?」

「During the fight with the goblins, there was a demonkind who protected me.」

「Yeah.」

「Do you know the name of that person?」

「Oh, I certainly know the name of that person.~

It's『Bunmi』-san.」

「『Bunmi』, huh. Thanks.」

「Why are you asking about his name?」

「I'm going to thank him while I'm trading in the demonkind's town.」

Eee, Cassandra-san is quite dutiful, huh.~

「By the way, when are you going to depart to Demonkind's town?」

「The day after tomorrow.」

「It's very fast, huh.」

「Not really, we have been preparing a little sometime ago.」

「Well then, I'm going to deliver the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】if I find some by then.」

「Thanks, you've saved me some trouble.」

I shook hands with Cassandra-san and moved to the next location.

Chapter 154: Magic stone replication

We went to Ikebu town.

Speaking of Ikebu town—
yes, the magic stone seller.

Lela?

Oh, Lela is also in this town.

Well, I don't have any business with Lela right now so I'll see her next time.

「Hello, Kiseki-san.」

「Welcome.

What are you looking for this time, Seiji-san?」

「I'm looking for【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, do you have any?」

「Unfortunately,【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】is sold out.」

「I see, is there no other way for us to get it?」

「If you have a【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, even if only one, I can replicate it with Magic stone of Nullpo.....

Because it's seldom sold, I just sold all of it.」

「If it's【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, I have one here.」

「Really!?!」

Kiseki-san immediately prepared the【Magic stone replication tool】.

When Aya passed the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】she held to Kiseki-san—

Kiseki-san set the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】and【Magic stone of Nullpo】on the【Magic stone replication tool】and started to pour magic power.

After a while, the【Magic stone of Nullpo】started to shine and became【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】.

「Haaa Haaa, it consumed too much magic power but the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】is completed.」

「It seems quite easy,

I want some more but can you do it?」

「I'm sorry but I've used too much magic power, doing it immediately is a little.....」

「Shall I do it instead?」

「B-, But, it consumes a considerable amount of magic power?」

「It's fine since I have confidence in the amount of magic power I have.」

「Is that so? Then, please stop if it seems dangerous.」

As Kiseki-san said so, he set a new【Magic stone of Nullpo】up.

「Well then, here it goes.」

I hold out my hand to the【Magic stone replication tool】and started to pour magic power—

after feeling that a considerable amount of magic power had been consumed, the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】has been completed.

My MP has been decreased for about 1, 000 points?

Kiseki-san shouldn't have that much MP.

What does it mean?

「Seiji-san, are you okay?」

「Yeah, there's no problem in particular.」

Though I think it's impossible for an average person to have 1, 000 MP.....

is the consumption differ from person to person?

However, the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】that I've made, somehow feels different from the original.

When I tried to use【Appraisal】, it wasn't a【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】.

It was a【magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】!

What's a『+2』!?

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】

| ▪When one hold it in one's hand,

| it enabled him to speak the language of the location.

| Reading and writing has now become possible.

| ▪In addition, when magic power has been poured into it, | up to level 2 of the location's language | can be acquired.

| Rarity: ★★ ★

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It resulted in reading and writing of the characters to become possible, furthermore, it can do so far as acquisition!

It's very convenient.....

How did this happen!?

「To say that it can't be appraised with【magic stone of appraisal】.....

no way, is this『+2』!？」

「It seems so but is there such a thing?」

「Impossible!

If it were magic stones of Wind, Water, Earth and the like, I've heard that there were times that it become『+1』when the user of that attribute was the one doing the replicating but.....

【Magic stone of temporary language】weren't under the category with those, to say nothing of『+2』!!」

Ah, I've understood what happened.

It's because the level of my【information magic】is level 5!

However, if it can be replicated so easily, I should've used the【Magic stone replication tool】I've got before sooner.

「Ah, Kiseki-san,

may I also try to replicate the【magic stone of appraisal】?」

「At the replication process of this【Magic stone of appraisal】, it consumes almost the same amount of magic power as that of【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, is it alright?」

「It's fine, leave it to me.」

After replicating the【magic stone of appraisal】triumphantly, I felt that my MP had been decreased almost the same amount as a while ago—

【Magic stone of appraisal +2】was completed.

「What is this!?

I can now appraise the【Magic stone of temporary language +2】!

Impossible, is this a【magic stone of appraisal +2】!!!?」

I tried to use【appraisal】on the common【magic stone of appraisal】and【magic

stone of appraisal +2】respectively.....

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic stone of appraisal】

| By pouring magic power,

| items can be appraised.

| ※ Items of quality +2 and higher are impossible to appraise.

| Rarity: ★★★

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└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic stone of appraisal +2】

| By pouring magic power,

| items and people can be appraised.

| ※ Items of quality +4 and higher are impossible to appraise.

| ※ It can only appraise some part of a person's information.

| Rarity: ★★★

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It reached the point that items of quality up to +3 can be appraised and some part of a person's information can also be appraised, huh.

I wonder if the Rarity doesn't depend on the quality?

「I have a favor to ask, Kiseki-san.」

「Yes, what is it?」

「I have an acquaintance looking for【magic stone of appraisal】, can I make

magic stones with the method you taught me a little while ago and sell them into my acquaintance?

I'll give this【magic stone of appraisal +2】to you instead.」

「I can have this【magic stone of appraisal +2】!?

Please sell the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】as many as you want.

Or rather, can I really have this【magic stone of appraisal +2】?」

「Good, it has been decided.

It's a deal.」

As I offer my hand to shake,

Kiseki-san accepted the handshake whilst look apologetic.

After that, we got a lot of【Magic stone of Nullpo】

as a souvenir from Kiseki-san.

Since the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】can now be replicated easily, we returned to Cassandra-san in Shinju town.

「Did you forget something, Seiji?」

「I came back because I learned how to replicate【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】.」

「That saved us the trouble. How many can you make?」

「I can make as many as I want. On the contrary, how many is needed?」

「Then follow me to consult with the boss.」

「Boss?」

In the room which we were guided——
two men, whom I recognized, were there.

Chapter 155: Cat-ear hood

Inside the room—
were Lyle Gewalt and
Azide-san.

「You are-!」 「You are-!」

「Seiji(-san)!」

「What are you doing in a place like this?」 「Why are you in a place such as this?」

The two people's words were heard from the left and right simultaneously.

「Azide-dono, do you know Seiji?」

「Indeed, Lyle Gewalt-sama.」

Were these two acquainted with each other?

Cassandra-san, without reading the mood, took a step forward and began to explain.

「Boss, it seems Seiji can prepare the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】.」

When I look towards Lyle Gewalt to see what kind of reaction he will make.....
the answer came from the one beside him.

「Is that so!? That saved us the trouble.」

「N!? When you said boss,

It's not Lyle Gewalt but Azide-san?」

「Actually, I was chosen as the leader of the special trade envoy this time, Seiji.」

「Azide-san?

Wasn't Azide-san a traveling merchant?」

Lyle Gewalt was the one who explained this time.

「What are you talking about? Azide-dono is the guild leader of the royal capital's merchant guild. You didn't know?」

「Ee! Guild leader!?!」

Come to think of it, it wasn't the guild leader who showed up when I sold the salt in the royal capital's merchant guild but the vice leader.

Azide-san was the boss of that person, huh.

「Then, why are you here, Lyle Gewalt?」

Cassandra-san and Azide-san were surprised at me calling Lyle Gewalt without honorifics.

「I, as substitute for Azos who had been executed, worked as the acting feudal lord of this town.」

「Azos had already been executed, huh.」

Well, forming a liaison with the orcs, furthermore, imprisoning small children and hurting them to make them follow, it serves him right.

「Putting that aside, is it true that you can prepare the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, Seiji-san?」

「Yes, I can prepare them.

How many do you need?」

「First, let me appraise them.」

「I understand. Well then, let me make one as a test.」

「M-, Make!?!」

I set up the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】and【magic stone of nullpo】

to the【magic stone replication tool】that I got from Kiseri-san before and poured magic power into it.

The【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition】was made and given to Azide-san.

「I thought Seiji-san was a merchant but you can even make magic stones, huh.

Well then, allow me to use【Appraisal】.」

Azide-san began to chant an incantation.

「○△◇×.....【Appraisal】!」

Azide-san can use【Appraisal】magic, huh.

As expected of a merchant guild's guild leader.

「I-, Impossible,【magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】!!?」

Such a thing, impossible!

Who are you, Seiji-san?」

「I'm no one.」

「That person is the『Hero』.」

「「N!?!」」

Oy idiot!

I've been exposed by Lyle Gewalt.

Not only Azide-san and Cassandra-san are surprised, but also Hilda.

「What do you mean by Seiji is the『Hero』, Lyly Gewalt-sama!?!」

「That person is the hero whom His Highness summoned from the other world.」

「Oi! Don't expose it without permission!」

「I see, the food called『Curry』that you treated me before was an another world cuisine.」

「Seiji, you, was a hero!?!」

「S-, Seiji-sama, a hero!?!」

Azide-san is convinced,

while Cassandra-san and Hilda keep on being surprised.

「Ah, that's enough!

I was just brought here without my consent!

Don't call me hero!」

After that, it was an uproar for a while.

I somehow managed to calm the place down—

「Let's get back to the matter of the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition】, what will you do?」

「Ah, that's right. I forgot.

If its quality is『+2』, I think 3 is enough.」

「Understood.」

I made a total of 3【magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】and gave them to Azide-san.

「Thank you.

The trade will go smoothly with this.

Then, the price.....

how about 100, 000 Aurum apiece, a total of 300, 000 Aurum?」

「That much? You need not to be immoderate.」

「Iyaa, you can't haggle about the price, Hero.」

「I said stop calling me hero.

But, isn't an expenditure of 300, 000 Aurum huge for a trade that just started?」

「No, the【magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】is absolutely necessary since it has changed the success rate of the trade in a big way.」

「Well then, please keep the 300, 000 Aurum for me, Azide-san.」

「What do you mean by that?」

「Please make a profit off the 300, 000 Aurum on the trade and let it grow. I will give half of the profit to Azide-san afterwards.」

「That's an interesting deal.

But, what would you do if it suffered a loss?」

「At that time, please shoulder half of the loss.」

「I understand! I'll be sure to make a profit!」

Azide-san and I shook each other's hand firmly.

We finished our negotiation with Azide-san and returned to Cassandra-san's room.

「It was unbelievable that Seiji was a hero.」

「I told you, that's not it.」

「Let's leave it at that.」

「Thank you very much.」

「Ah, that's right. I'll give this to you.」

Cassandra-san gave me.....

a red colored, cat-ear hood.

「This is?」

「I bought it but I can't use it anymore since it's small on me now.」

「Thank you very much.」

I put the cat-ear hood on Hilda.

Hilda had her eyes wide open.

「Why are you putting it on Hilda?」

「Is it no good?」

「No, it's fine.」

Well, Hilda will at least look good with this at this place.

「C'mon, Hilda. Thank Cassandra-san.」

「T-, Thank you very much.」

Hilda dressed in cat-ear hood

was cute and bowed to Cassandra-san.

Cassandra-san, who showed a gentle smile for a moment, suddenly turned around for some reason.

「Since it's done, go now quickly.」

We've been driven away by Cassandra-san who was still facing the back.

Chapter 156: Lela's dinner

We went to the high class inn in Ikebu town to meet Lela.

I wonder if Lela is still here.

The guard soldier let us through after seeing it was us, and we went to Lela's room.

「S-, Seiji! Good, you've come.

Elena-sama and Aya too.

And, another person?

S-, Slave!?!」

「Yes, this child is Hilda.」

When I patted Hilda's head and introduced her; Lela suddenly became displeased and began yelling.

「Who let a slave into this room!?

Get it out!」

Is a slave treated coldly here?

Well, whatever.

「Then, we're going.」

As I said so and was about to leave the room—

「N!? W-, Wait!」

「N? Isn't Hilda pitiful for being the only one getting shunned?

I also don't have any business with Lela in particular.」

「T-, that's.....」

Lela's eyes became watery.

「What's wrong, Lela!?

Why are you crying?」

「I'm not crying!」

「So? May Hilda stay here?」

「I-, If Seiji goes that far,

S-, She may.....」

Hilda, who is in question, looked extremely awkward.

Sorry, Hilda.

「So, I came here because I heard from Lyle Gewalt that there might be something troubling occurred but was there any?」

「Well, to speak frankly, there's a shortage of magic stone.」

「Is the shortage of magic stone due to the war?」

「Yeah,

Branford, the previous family head of this town, raised funds by selling a large amount of magic stones in preparation for the war but, apparently, he even sold the magic stones that were supposed to be used to defend this town. It has become insufficient.」

「Are the magic stones taken from the mines and dungeons?」

「The magic stones produced in a mine will be able to manage somehow or another but, the magic stones that can only be taken in a dungeon are completely insufficient.

I'm now looking for adventurers to go to the dungeon and get magic stones in this town.」

「Is the dungeon, the『tower of sunrise』?」

「Ah, that's right.」

「I'll also try to go tomorrow.

Would Aya, Elena and Hilda like to go as well?」

「Yes.」 「Good.」 「I'll go with you.」

「I-, Is that so, you're going to go there, huh.」

「Well, today is already late,

shall we stay at Aria-san's place?」

「N!? Who is Aria!?」

「Uh, she's sister-san from the church.」

「What!」

「We will have to stay somewhere but are we being selfish?」

「You should stay here!」

「May Hilda stay at this inn as well?」

「Ku!

.....F-, Fine, it seems to be decided already.」

A little while ago, you hate her for entering the room but what kind of turn of events is this?

「Is that so, we will be staying here then.」

Since we came just in time for dinner, everyone was going to have dinner together but.....

「Why is Hilda alone in another room?」

「N? After all, isn't that child a slave?」

That sort of treatment, huh.....

「Should I have gone to Aria-san's place after all~?」

When I muttered so casually—

「N! Wait a moment!」

Lela, with amazing energy, prepared Hilda's seat.

Was Lela this obliging?

The dinner was over and a room was assigned to each of us.

The room assignment was, Aya and Hilda shared a room, except them, everyone had been assigned a room each.

Well, to flirt with a slave girl, didn't particularly come to mind at all, okay?

I felt a little worried that something might happened and visited Aya and Hilda's room.

「Sorry for bothering you guys.」

Aya let Hilda sat on the carpet and combed her hair.

「What's the matter, oniichan? Creeping at night into a woman's bedroom?」

「In what world will you find an oniichan creeping at night into his imouto's

bedroom?」

「Well, what did you come here to do?」

What kind of treatment is this I am getting on Aya?

Oh well.

「Didn't you eat so little a while ago, Hilda?

Then, are you not hungry?」

「Uh, that, I was nervous.....」

「Well, it's only natural to get nervous if it's that kind of atmosphere, isn't that right?」

Aya patted Hilda's head.

「I-, I'm sorry.」

「You don't need to apologize. Aya and I are both commoners like you, Hilda.」

「N!? Even though you're the Hero, you're a commoner?」

「I'm not a Hero, Hilda.」

「I-, I'm sorry.」

Hilda keeps apologizing.

「That means, let's eat a cup of noodles.」

「Oh, that's good~.」

「What's a『cup noodles』?」

Elena has been called as well and we held a 4-man cup noodles party.

I took the multicolored cup noodles and kettle out from the inventory.

I put water into the kettle using【Water magic】and boiled the water with【Heating element】magic.

「I-, Is that Fire magic?」

「It's different, this is Lightning magic.」

「L-, Lightning!?!」

Hilda is a friend and must be informed of our secrets.

We each chose a cup noodle we would like to eat and poured hot water.

Hilda didn't seem to know which was which but chose the smallest one.

Hilda, the smallest one is the world famous, best-selling product throughout the world. By the way, I like it very much too.

After waiting for 3 minutes, I handed fork to Hilda while Aya, Elena and I used chopsticks. The four of us ate peacefully.

「I-, It's delicious!!」

That's right, that's right.

It's the best-selling cup noodles throughout the world after all.

When the four of us were eating peacefully, Lela came to visit.

「Aya, are you here? Seiji is not in his room, do you know where he went?」

「Oniichan is here.」

「W-, What!?!」

Aya slammed the door open and came inside.

「Yo, Lela. What's the matter? Do you need something?」

Lela was dressed in negligee for some reason.

What do you came here for dressed like that?

「S-, Seiji, what are you doing here?」

「Iyaa, I've got a little hungry.」

「Did the dish not suite your taste by any chance?」

「That's not the reason. We prefer meals that matched adventurers more than such dinner since we are adventurers.」

「Is that so, adventurer, huh.....」

Lela had been lost in thought for some reason.

What did you really come here to do?